

# TOWN OF SHARON



## ANNUAL REPORT 1978

# **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

	<b>Emergencies</b>	<b>Regular Business</b>
AMBULANCE .....	4-3535 .....	4-5300
POLICE DEPARTMENT .....	4-3535 .....	4-5300
FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	4-2121 .....	4-5677
CIVIL DEFENSE .....	4-5631 .....	4-6993
HIGHWAY & WATER, weekdays	4-5961 .....	4-5961
Nights/Weekends/Holidays .....	4-5300	
For Information On:	Call:	Phone:
Aging, Programs for .....	Community Center .....	4-7500
Assessments .....	Assessors .....	4-5771
Birth Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Building Permits .....	Inspector .....	4-6769
Death Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Dog Licenses .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Dogs, Lost & Found .....	Dog Officer .....	4-5511
Draft Board .....	Veterans' Agent .....	4-2362
Elections .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Engineering .....	Engineer .....	4-6769
Entertainment Licenses .....	Selectmen .....	4-6909
Game Warden .....	Mass. Fish & Game .....	727-3151
Garbage Collection .....	Health Department .....	4-3771
HOT LINE .....	S.O.S. .....	4-7777
Housing, Elderly .....	Elderly Housing Complex ....	4-2733
Marriage Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Medicaid .....	State Welfare .....	762-6300
Milk Inspection .....	Health Department .....	4-3771
Mortgages, Chattel .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Mosquito Control .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Recreation .....	Community Center .....	4-7500
Schools .....	Superintendent's Office .....	4-5937
Snow Removal .....	DPW .....	4-5961
S.O.S. .....	HOT LINE .....	4-7777
Streets .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Street Lights .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Tax Assessments .....	Assessors .....	4-5771
Taxes, Collection .....	Collector .....	4-5000
Trash Collection .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Trees .....	Tree Warden .....	4-5961
Voting & Registration .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Water .....	DPW .....	4-5961
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TO THE CITIZENS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SHARON  
Massachusetts



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*The Town Report Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Donald M. Kreutzer, Art Teacher in the Sharon primary schools, for providing us with the children's artwork. Unfortunately, only a few of the many drawings which we received could go in the report. We thank all the children who drew pictures for the report and Mr. Kreutzer for his help and assistance.*

*Front cover by* ANDREA DELCONTE  
4th GRADE  
HEIGHTS ELEM.

*Back cover by* DANIEL KATZ  
4th GRADE  
HEIGHTS ELEM.

# **ADMINISTRATION**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Colleen M. Tuck, Chairman**

**Adolf W. Arnold**

**Norman Katz**

**J. Edward Bamber, Executive Secretary**

**Marilyn J. Sloggett, Secretary**

In April, Norman Katz was re-elected to a third term on the Board of Selectmen and Colleen Tuck was voted Chairman by her colleagues. Since then the Board has continued to work together to address problems facing the town. With the increasing administrative workload on the Selectmen, application was made to CETA for the position of Administration Assistant. The position request was approved and the Selectmen engaged Mark Lanza as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

### **MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROGRAM**

Over the years, several committees have studied the needs of various town departments; their numerous reports have agreed on the inadequacy of the space available to the Police, Fire and Public Works Department. At the June 19th Special Town Meeting voters rejected a building plan proposed by the Capital Outlay Committee.

The Board of Selectmen, working in conjunction with the Warrant Committee and representatives of the Sharon Association for Responsible Taxation, sponsored an article at the December 5th Special Town Meeting which proposed a building plan more modest in scope than that proposed at the June Town Meeting, and which set a cap of \$1.5 million on the total amount to be spent. The article passed, and a Town Buildings Committee has been established.

### **LAKE MASSAPOAG PRESERVATION**

The Board of Selectmen took action this year to preserve Sharon's most valuable natural resource. The Selectmen approved the program proposed by the Lake Management Study Committee to insure the future of the lake as a recreational resource.



## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

In accordance with its agreement with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Board appointed an ad hoc committee to draft a proposed Affirmative Action Program for the town. The committee has submitted its proposal and recommendations to the Board, which has begun a process of reviewal with all concerned parties to reach agreement on a program acceptable to MCAD and workable for the town.

## **PESTICIDE USE**

Recognizing the complexity of the issues involved, the Board appointed a committee representing all points of view to study the problems of insect control and pesticide use in Sharon. This committee was charged to write a report including recommendations for a policy for the Board to follow. This report will be made available to all voters before it is discussed and voted on at town meeting.

## **SEPTAGE**

The Metropolitan District Commission has informed the town that it will no longer accept septage pumped in Sharon after December 31, 1979. A Septage Study Committee was formed to study the options available to the town and voted \$10,000. to fund its work at the April town meeting.

## **SOLID WASTE**

The life expectancy of the Mountain Street landfill continues to decline. The town is exploring the possibility to becoming a member of the 128 West Resource Recovery Consortium. At the same time, interested persons are sought to form a group to study other options, in order to find the least costly solution to this problem.

## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

The expiration of three labor agreements this year and the formation of a fourth labor organization contributed to the need for professional collective bargaining assistance. The Board of Selectmen engaged the firm of Murphy, Lamere and Murphy to advise and assist in the bargaining process. Working together, the Selectmen and representatives of the law firm were successful in securing multi-year contracts with the police and firefighters. Negotiations with the Department of Public Works are close to completion at this writing. The signed contracts were felt to be fair to both employees and the town, and reflected the cooperative atmosphere of the negotiating sessions.

## **DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK**

White Oaks Construction Company was the contractor for Stage II of the development of this recreational facility. Four tennis courts, one basketball court, one softball field, all lighted, along with other softball fields, soccer fields, gardening area and other facilities will all be available for public use in the spring 1979. This project has been partially reimbursed by Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds.

Throughout the year, the Board of Selectmen has attempted to be responsive to the concerns of the Sharon voters and taxpayers. Balancing the necessity to keep town costs at a minimum with the continuing need to provide a variety of services to the residents of Sharon will present difficult decisions for the Selectmen to make in the coming years.

# TOWN CLERK

Arthur E. Collins, Town Clerk  
Katherine P. Neault, Assistant Town Clerk  
Shirley S. Davenport, Secretary  
Lillian B. Schlafman, Secretary

## VITAL STATISTICS

	1978	1977	1976	1975
BIRTHS RECORDED:				
Male	68	60	49	51
Female	69	62	54	52
TOTAL	137	122	103	103
MARRIAGES RECORDED:	237	218	277	280
DEATHS RECORDED:				
Male	68	82	94	90
Female	40	50	46	57
TOTAL	108	132	140	147

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### REGISTRARS:

Olin Cleveland  
Arthur E. Collins  
Frederick Curley  
Marguerite N. Dennett

Precinct	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Am.
1	1942	276	769	897	-
2	2046	109	891	1046	-
3	2197	180	917	1099	1
4	1887	221	744	922	-
TOTAL	8072	786	3321	3964	1

POPULATION - JANUARY, 1978 - 13,918



# **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**January 12, 1978**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of December 15, 1977, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Sharon High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk Arthur E. Collins read the call and return of the Warrant.

At this point in the meeting a portrait of Dr. Walter Griffin was unveiled and presented to the Trustees of the Sharon Public Library for display at the library. The artist, Shirley Pransky, made the presentation.

VOTED: To allow Fred Gross, Mass. Dept. of Solid Waste, and David Jackson, Chairman of the 128 West Resource Recovery Council to speak at this meeting.

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That action under Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the affirmative 681; votes in the negative 92. A standing vote.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE not carried. Votes in the affirmative 315, votes in the negative 468. A standing vote.

MOVED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$39,594 to provide for additional salaries wages and supplementary benefits for employees of the Police Department for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1977 thru June 30, 1978, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$3,627 be transferred from Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds available and the balance of \$35,967 be transferred from other available funds.

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MOTION that the vote under Article 1 be by secret ballot not carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: THAT THE Town appropriate the sum of \$39,594 to provide for additional salaries, wages and supplementary benefits for employees of the Police Department for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1977 thru June 30, 1978, and to meet this appropriation the

sum of \$3,627 be transferred from Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds available and the balance of \$35,967 be transferred from other available funds. Votes in the affirmative 444, votes in the negative 341. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,365 for additional salaries, wages, and supplementary benefits for employees of the Fire Department for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1977 thru June 30, 1978 and to meet this appropriation the said sum of \$5,365 be transferred from available funds.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under ARTICLE 1 not carried.

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That action under Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That Article 3 be indefinitely postponed. (Article 3 called for a vote on the following resolution; Resolved; The Town authorizes the Industrial Development commission and the Board of Selectmen to continue to investigate the feasibility of installation of a solid waste facility on the Simeone property.)

VOTED: That the meeting be officially dissolved at 11:16 P.M.

Attest Arthur E. Collins  
Sharon Town Clerk

# **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

## **June 19, 1978**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of May 8, 1978, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk read the call and return of the warrant.

VOTED: To allow Walter Amory to speak on Article 2.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$9,918. for additional expenses of the Police Department.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$13,017. for additional expenses of the Fire Department.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$12,809. for additional expenses of the Civic Defense budget.

MOVED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$111,220. for additional expenses of the Department of Public Works.

VOTED: To amend by substituting the sum of \$101,220.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$101,220. for additional expenses of the Department of Public Works.

MOVED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$1,150. for additional expenses of the Recreation Department.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in negative 2, votes in the affirmative more than 6. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$1,150. for additional expenses of the Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$225,000. for the construction of a water system and for pumping station equipment at the location of Well No. 2 off Moose Hill Parkway, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$225,000. under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the negative 8, votes in the affirmative more than 50. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum \$225,000. for the construction of a water supply system and for pumping station equipment at the location of Well No. 2 off Moose Hill Parkway, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$225,000. under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws. Votes in the affirmative 659, votes in the negative 187. A standing vote.



MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 2 not carried.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the Town accept with thanks the filing of the report of the Capital Outlay Committee.

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$15,000. to be used by the Public Library Addition Committee in conjunction with the available balance of original funding to provide for design and development plans for expansion and renovation of the present library or other available town facilities, or construction of a new facility, at a total cost of \$700,000. or less, said design-development plans are to be presented by the Public Library Addition Committee at a subsequent town meeting. If said Committee determines that design and development plans for total construction at a cost of \$700,000. or less is not in the best interest of the Town, it may also present an alternative plan.

MOVED: That the motion of the Warrant Committee be amended by substituting the following: That the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee shall hereafter only expend their present funds for the preparation of architectural and engineering drawings and specifications for the expansion of the Library on its present site.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the negative 2, votes in the affirmative over 100. A standing vote.

MOTION TO AMEND carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the affirmative 542, votes in the negative 49. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee shall hereafter expend their present funds for the preparation of architectural and engineering drawings and specifications for the expansion of the library on its present site.

MOVED: That action taken under Article 4 be reconsidered.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the affirmative 478, votes in the negative 68. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 4 not carried.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 1, Department of Public Works carried.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$111,220. for additional expenses of the Department of Public Works.

VOTED: That the Special Town Meeting of June 19, 1978, be adjourned at 11:20 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Wednesday, June 21, 1978.

## TOWN OF SHARON

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Special Town Meeting of June 19, 1978, was adjourned at 11:20 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Wednesday, June 21, 1978 at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Special Town Warrant of June, 1978.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

June 20, 1978

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

# ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**June 21, 1978**

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: 1. That a Town Municipal Building Committee be established consisting of nine members:

- Three (3) appointed by the Selectmen,
- Three (3) appointed by the Warrant Committee
- One (1) appointed by the Planning Board
- One (1) appointed by the Capital Outlay Committee
- One (1) selected by the eight appointed as shown above

Any vacancy is to be filled by the original appointed body.

2. That the Town appropriate the sum of \$60,000. to fund such preliminary design and development work or either as may be authorized by said Committee, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$60,000. be raised on the tax levy.

3. That said Town Municipal Building Committee be charged with the following:

a. First to consider feasibility of a building program for the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Town Hall facilities, total cost of which will be \$2,000,000. or less, presenting such program to a subsequent Town Meeting.

b. If the Committee judges that such a program is not in the Town's best interest, also to consider a program costing more than the \$2,000,000. and presenting it in addition to the first program, to a subsequent Town Meeting.

c. At the start, consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee, and to develop what it believes to be the best building program(s) confined to the two sites on which the existing Town Hall/Public Safety facilities and Department of Public Works garage are located.

d. To consider concerns of abutters.

e. To report to a future Town Meeting after completing the design/development phase of its program for the purpose of securing approval and additional funding for preparation of detailed plans and specifications.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the affirmative 341, votes in the negative 70. A standing vote.

MOTION: 1. That a Town Municipal Building Committee be established, consisting of nine members:

Three (3) appointed by the Selectmen,  
Three (3) appointed by the Warrant Committee  
One (1) appointed by the Planning Board  
One (1) appointed by the Capital Outlay Committee  
One (1) selected by the eight appointed as shown above

Any vacancy is to be filled by the original appointing body.

2. That the Town appropriate the sum of \$60,000. to fund such preliminary design and development work or either as may be authorized by said Committee, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$60,000. be raised on the tax levy.

3. That said Town Municipal Building Committee be charged with the following:



a. First to consider feasibility of a building program for the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Town Hall facilities, total cost of which will be \$2,000,000. or less, presenting such program to a subsequent Town Meeting.

b. If the Committee judges that such a program is not in the Town's best interest, also to consider a program costing more than the \$2,000,000. and presenting it in addition to the first program, to a subsequent Town Meeting.

c. At the start, consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee, and to develop what it believes to be the best building program(s) confined to the two sites on which the existing TownHall/Public Safety facilities and Department of Public Works garage are located.

d. To consider concerns of abutters.

e. To report to a future Town Meeting after completing the design/development phase of its program for the purpose of securing approval and additional funding for preparation of detailed plans and specifications, not carried.

MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN UNDER Article 5.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 5 not carried.

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town approves the application be the Sharon Housing Authority to the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs to convert the town-owned dormitory building at Deborah Sampson Park into a multiple residence for low income, elderly housing.

MOTION to cut off debate, carried unanimously.

MOTION: That the Town approves the application by the Sharon Housing Authority to the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs to convert the town-owned dormitory building at Deborah Sampson Park into a multiple residence for low income, elderly housing, not carried.

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That action under Article 7 be indefinitely postponed, carried.

(This Article called for a conveyance of land to the congregational Church.)

MOVED TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 6.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 6, not carried.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept and confirms their acceptance of an easement to use and maintain for drainage purposes an existing ditch in a parcel of land owned by Julio Uliano and Eleanor Uliano and shown as Lot 1 on Land Court Plan 31289A, the ditch being shown on a plan entitled "Location Drainage Easement in Cedar Swamp, Sharon, Mass., December 23, 1968", prepared by the Engineering Department, Town of Sharon, Mass., Malcolm E. Austin, Town Engineer.

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town amend Article 10, Police Regulations, of the Town By-Laws by adding at the end thereof a new section to be numbered Section 28 as follows:

Section 28. Except as herein provided, no person shall fire or discharge any firearms, rifles or shotguns of any calibre or gauge anywhere within the limits of the Town unless issued a permit to do so by the Chief of Police or his authorized designees, except when the person is discharging a firearm, rifle or shotgun on his own property. No permit shall be issued allowing the firing or discharging of a firearm, rifle or shotgun within the limits of any private property unless the applicant first obtains the written permission of the property owner or authorized designee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duty, nor to the use of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in the lawful defense of life or property, or in any military exercise or at any established firing range of a fish and game or sportsmen's club.

MOVED TO AMEND the motion of the Warrant Committee by inserting the words "that day" between "issued a permit to do so" and "by the Chief of Police".

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND not carried.

MOTION TO VOTE without further debate carried. Votes in the negative 4, votes in the affirmative in excess of 100. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 10, Police Regulations, of the Town By-Laws by adding at the end thereof a new section to be numbered Section 28 as follows:

Section 28, Except as herein provided, no person shall fire or discharge any firearms, rifles or shotguns of any calibre or gauge anywhere within the limits of the Town unless issued a permit to do so by the Chief of Police or his authorized designee, except when the person is discharging a firearm, rifle or shotgun on his own property. No permit shall be issued allowing the firing or discharging of a firearm, rifle or shotgun within the limits of any private property unless the applicant first obtains the written permission of the property owner or authorized designee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply at any law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duty, nor to the use of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in the lawful defense of life or property, or in any military exercise or at any established firing range or a fish and game or sportsmen's club.

MOVED TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 9.

VOTED to close off debate under Article 9 carried.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 9 not carried.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town, in accordance with Chapter 45, Section 14 of the General Laws, accept as a gift for playground purposes, certain lands and buildings owned by the Sharon Civic Foundation, Inc., said properties to be in the control of the Board of Selectmen, and described as follows:

1. Land and building thereon, known as the Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground, located between Ames Street and Pond Street, containing 11 acres, more or less, of land acquired as three separate parcels and recorded respectively in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 1887, Page 524, Book 1899, Page 279; and in Book 2033, Page 160.
2. Three contiguous parcels of land, known as Pettee's Hill, located westerly from Hillside Avenue as follows:
  - a. 1.23 acres of land on the westerly side of Hillside Avenue and as described in Land Court Certificate No. 32909.
  - b. 2.65 acres of land off Hillside Avenue and along the railroad right-of-way and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 3107, Page 592.

- c. 11,200 square feet of land at the rear of No 20 Pleasant Street and abutting parcel b above and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2731, Page 211.

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$6,500. for an engineering feasibility study of methods to control the water level of Dry Pond located off Bay Road and Cheesman Drive.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$6,500. for an engineering feasibility study of methods to control the water level of Dry Pond located off Bay Road and Chessman Drive.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$2,400. to provide election support and maintenance services for the town-owned Cubic Vote Counter for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$4,900. to construct a fence for a distance of about 615 feet along the property line between Deborah Sampson Park and the MBTA railroad right-of-way.

VOTED: That this Special Town Meeting be officially dissolved at 11:12 P.M., June 21, 1978.

Attest: Arthur E. Collins, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**September 25, 1978**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of August 31, 1978, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk read the call and return of the warrant.

VOTED: To allow Lawrence E. Peck, a non-voter to attend the meeting and speak under Article 3.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws printed exactly as in the Warrant, as follows:



1. Amend SECTION 1. Establish of Districts by deleting item (9) Flood Hazard District, and substituting the following:

“(9) Flood Hazard District

‘Flood Hazard District’ are defined as overlay district, comprising all areas designated ZONE A, ZONES A1-A5, or ZONE A16 on Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) maps titled ‘Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Town of Sharon, Massachusetts,’ effective date September 29, 1978. A ‘Floodway’ is designated as shown on FIA maps ‘Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, Town of Sharon, Massachusetts,’ effective date September 29, 1978, in both cases as further specified in FIA Flood Insurance Study, Town of Sharon, March, 1978, all of which documents are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, and Inspector of Buildings.”

2. Amend SECTION 8-A. Flood Hazard District Regulations by deleting it and substituting the following:

“SECTION 8-A. Flood Hazard District Regulations

(A) Base Flood Elevation. The ‘Base Flood Elevation’ shall be the level of flooding having a one per cent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year, as designated on the above FIA Maps, or, in the absence of such designation, to be determined by the Inspector of Buildings based upon the best available information regarding flood hazards, including any available United States Geological Survey, Soil Conservation Service, and Corps of Engineers studies, after seeking and obtaining the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

(B) Regulations. Any development within the Flood Hazard District shall be subject to all otherwise applicable requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located, including usual use and dimensional requirements, and also to the following requirements.

(1) All new construction and substantial improvements (repair, reconstruction, or alteration costing 50% or more of the market value of the structure before improvement or, if damaged, before damage occurred) of residential structures shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the Base Flood Elevation. Nonresidential

structures shall either be similarly elevated or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the Base Flood Elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy.

(2) Within the Floodway designated on the above FIA Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, no encroachments (including fill new construction, substantial improvements, or other development) shall be allowed unless it is demonstrated by the applicant that, as a consequence of compensating actions he is undertaking, his proposed development will not result in any increase in flood levels within the Town during a flood to the Base Flood Elevation.

(C) Exceptions. The Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for an exception to the requirements of subsection (B) above. Such Special Permit may be granted only in the case of structures such as boat houses which require waterfront location and are not continuously used for human occupancy, or in the case of development on a lot of less than a half-acre which is surrounded by existing non-conforming structures, in either case provided that all of the following are shown:

- good and sufficient cause;
- failure to allow the departure would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant;
- allowing the departure will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with other by-laws or regulations.
- the departure is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.

Exceptions may also be granted for reconstruction, rehabilitation, or restoration of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(D) Applicability. Where these Flood Area Provisions impose greater or lesser restrictions or requirements than those of other applicable by-laws or regulations, the more restrictive shall apply."

3. Amend the Zoning Map by adding the following notation thereon:

“Note: See separate maps on file with the Town Clerk delineating the Flood Hazard District and Floodways.” and by deleting the indication “Flood Hazard District Areas” both in the legend and on the map.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$37,803.00 for additional salaries, wages and supplementary benefits for employees of the Police Department for the current fiscal year July 1, 1978, through June 30, 1979.

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to (i) authorize the Selectmen, with the approval of the Conservation Commission, to release pursuant to G.L. c. 184, s. 32, from the conservation restriction granted by Lawrence E. Peck to the Town of Sharon by Deed, dated March 28, 1972, recorded in Norfolk County Deeds, Book 4844, Page 531, only Parcel A, containing 5.9 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled “Sketch of Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts,” dated May 13, 1977, revised May 18, 1977, and May 8, 1978, prepared by Perkins Engineering, Inc., but only after public hearing upon reasonable notice and with the approval of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs; and (ii) to accept in exchange therefor from the said Lawrence E. Peck a conservation restriction in perpetuity on Parcel B, containing 5.9 acres, more or less, shown on the aforesaid “Sketch of Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts,” and a permanent easement granting the same rights to enter, pass and repass upon said Parcel B as are contained in the conservation restriction, dated March 28, 1972, and recorded in said Deeds, Book 4844, Page 531; or act relating in any way thereto.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town vote to (i) authorize the Selectmen, with the approval of the Conservation Commission, to release, pursuant to G.L.c. 184, s.32, from the conservation restriction granted by Lawrence E. Peck to the Town of Sharon by Deed, dated

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hearing upon reasonable notice and with the approval of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs; and (ii) to accept in exchange therefor from the said Lawrence E. Peck a conservation restriction in perpetuity on Parcel B, containing 5.9 acres, more or less, shown on the aforesaid "Sketch of Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts," and a permanent easement granting the same rights to enter, pass and repass upon said Parcel B as are contained in the conservation restriction, dated March 28, 1972, and recorded in said Deeds, Book 4844, Page 531; or act relating in any way thereto. Votes in the affirmative 169, votes in the negative 45. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 4. MOVED TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE action under Article 4.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That action under Article 4 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for reassessment of property in the Town of Sharon.)

VOTED: That this Special Meeting be officially dissolved at 9:25 P.M.

Attest: Arthur E. Collins, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**December 5, 1978**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of November 20, 1978, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk, Arthur E. Collins, read the call and return of the Warrant.

VOTED: To allow the following non-voters to speak on various Articles: Joseph A. McComiskey, Architect, Article 2; Philip Herr, consultant to the Planning Board, Article 4 - 10; Attorney Joseph Santos on behalf of Frank Gobbi, non-resident and property owner, Article 5 and 7; Attorney Jack Clyner on behalf of the Kendall family, citizens and property owners, Article 9.



ARTICLE 1. VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$19,789.00 for additional salaries, wages and supplementary benefits for employees of the Fire Department for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town (I) Establish a Committee to be known as the Town Buildings Committee to be made up of nine members, three (3) members to be appointed by the Selectmen, three (3) members by the Warrant Committee, one (1) member by the Capital Outlay Committee, one (1) member by the Planning Board, and one (1) member to be selected by the eight appointed as listed above, with vacancies to be filled by the original appointing authority; said Committee to contract for architectural and engineering services for the following projects:

A. The construction of a new Department of Public Works building and garage or for remodelling, reconstruction, and making extraordinary repairs and additions to existing buildings so that the same may be used as a Department of Public Works building and garage, the site therefor to be selected by the Committee;

B. The construction of a new police station or for remodelling, reconstruction, and making extraordinary repairs and additions to existing building so that the same may be used as a police station, the site therefore to be selected by the Committee;

C. The remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the existing police and fire station to convert their use into a single fire station;

D. The total cost for the three projects not to exceed \$1,500,000.;

(ii) Appropriate for the three above projects the sum of \$50,000. for the cost of such architectural and engineering services and for the expenses of the Committee and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$50,000.00 and

(iii) Authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to apply for, contract for and expend any grants or financial assistance which may be available from either or both federal and state departments or agencies for each of said purposes; and

(iv) Charge the Town Building Committee:

1. To examine all the information provided by the Capital Outlay Committee in its report, the Board of Selectmen, and Architects.
2. To develop what it believes is the most cost-effective program for necessary additional space for the Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works.
3. To report no later than the April 1979 Annual Town Meeting, after completing the initial design, development stage of its study.

MOVED TO AMEND by striking out "the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$50,000.00 and insert instead, "the town transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00."

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED TO AMEND by striking out "the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$50,000.00" and insert instead "the town transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00."

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the negative 6, votes in the affirmative 50. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town (i) Establish a Committee to be known as the Town Building Committee to be made up of nine members, three (3) members to be appointed by the Selectmen, three (3) members by the Warrant Committee, one (1) member by the Capital Outlay Committee, one (1) member by the Planning Board, and one (1) member to be selected by the eight appointed as listed above, with vacancies to be filled by the original appointing authority; said Committee to contract for architectural and engineering services for the following projects:

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C. The remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the existing police and fire stations to convert their use into a single fire station;

D. The total cost for the three projects not to exceed \$1,500,000.;

(ii) Appropriate for the three above projects the sum of \$50,000. for the cost of such architectural and engineering services, and for the expenses of the Committee and to meet this appropriation the town transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00, and

(iii) Authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to apply for, contract for the expend any grants or financial assistance which may be available from either or both federal and state edpartments or agencies for each of said purposes; and

(iv) Charge the Town Building Committee:

1. To examine all the information provided by the Capital Outlay Committee in its report, the Board of Selectmen, and Architects.

2. To develop what it believes is the most cost-effective program for necessary additional space for the Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works.

3. To report no later than the April 1979 Annual Town Meeting, after completing the initial design, development stage of its study.

Votes in the affirmative 222, votes in the negative 153. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action under Article 2 not carried.

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Board of Assessors be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts to revalue and update assessments of real estate of the entire Town, and that the sum of \$25,000. be transferred from available funds and appropriated for such purposes.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOVED TO AMEND as follows; That the Board of Assessors be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts to revalue and update assessments of real estate of the entire Town, on a time table comparable with the revaluation for the City of Boston, and that the sum of \$25,000. be transferred from available funds and appropriated for such purposes, not carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried. Votes in the negative 6, votes in the affirmative 50. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Board of Assessors be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts to revalue and update assessments of real estate of the entire Town, and that the sum of \$25,000. be transferred from available funds and appropriated for such purposed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MOVED: That the meeting adjourn to reconvene on Wednesday evening, December 6, 1978, at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Attest: Arthur E. Collins, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

#### TOWN OF SHARON

#### NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Special Town Meeting of December 5, 1978, was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Wednesday, December 6, 1978 at 8:00 P.M., then and there act on all unfinished business in the Special Town Warrant of December 5, 1978.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

December 6, 1978

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

BERNARD F. COFFEY, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts



# ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 6, 1978

MOVED TO INDEFINTELY POSTPONE action under all Articles until April 2, 1979.

MOTION to end further debate not carried.

MOVED TO AMEND so as to read April 3, 1979 at 8:00 P.M. at the High School Auditorium.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND so as to read April 3, 1979 at 8:00 P.M. at the High School Auditorium carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION that this meeting be adjourned until April 3, 1979 not carried.

MOVED that debate be closed on motion by Warrant Committee not carried.

MOTION that non-binding sense of the meeting be ascertained so as to guide the meeting as to whether, because of low attendance of this meeting, to dispost of each Article 4 through 11 by indefinatley postponing them without debating their merits not carried.

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting a new Section 20.1, to read as follows:

## SECTION 20.1 Development Scheduling

The purpose of Section 20.1 Development Scheduling is to assure that growth, consistent with Massachusetts's Growth Policy, '...shall be phased so that it will not unduly strain the communitiy's ability to provide public facilities and services, so that it will not disrupt the social fabric of the community, and so that it will be in keeping with the community's desired rate of Growth.' (From page 61, City and Town Centers, the Massachusetts Office of State Planning, September, 1977).

The Building Inspector shall issue building permits for construction of new dwelling units in subdivisions submitted for approval after December 5, 1978 or for multi-family dwellings (regardless of location) only as follows:

- (A) Moderate Building. If permit issuance will result in fewer than 200 new dwelling units having been authorized town-wide subsequent to the same date two years previous, permits may be issued without scheduling limitation.
- (B) Rapid Building. If permit issuance will result in 200 or more new dwelling units having been authorized townwide subsequent to the same date two years previous, permits shall be issued only if one or more of the following is the case:
  - (1) If permit issuance will result in not more than twenty-five dwelling units having been authorized\* subsequent to the same date two years previous for that and for contiguous subdivisions or parcels which have been in the same ownership at any time subsequent to December 5, 1978.
  - (2) If permit issuance will result authorization\* subsequent to the same date two years previously of a number of dwelling units not exceeding 25% of the number of lots in the subdivision or 25% of the number of multi-family dwelling units permitted under the Special Permit authorizing those units, or not exceeding the sum of the two in the case of multi-family development within a subdivision.
  - (3) If the date of release from paragraph (B) of Section 20.1 has been reached for that subdivision lot or multi-family dwelling unit as indicated on a Development Schedule which has been approved by the Planning Board and recorded with the subdivision plan which creates the lot, or approved by the Board of Appeals and recorded with the Special Permit authorizing the multi-family development.

Planning Board or Board of Appeals approval of a Development Schedule shall be granted provided that (1) the schedule releases not more than 25% of the potential dwelling units in the subdivision or multi-family development prior to the same date two years following endorsement of approval, (2) in each twelve

months thereafter the schedule adds to the released category not more than 12½ % of the total number of potential dwelling units in the subdivision or multi-family development, and (3) the development sequence established by the schedule is not determined by the Planning Board or Board of Appeals to be arbitrary or unreasonable.

- (C) Extremely Rapid Building. If permit issuance will result in more than 300 new dwelling units having been authorized townwide subsequent to the same date two years previous, building permits shall be issued only if one or more of the conditions of paragraph (B) are met, and also the issuance will not result in the applicant being granted building permits for five or more dwelling units\*

\*Exclusive of unutilized authorizations which have lapsed or have been withdrawn.

subsequent to the same date one year previous for that and for contiguous subdivisions or parcels which have been in the same ownership at any time subsequent to December 5, 1978.

- (D) The protection against subsequent zoning change granted to land in a subdivision by Section 6 of Chapter 40A, General Laws, shall, in the case of a development whose completion has been constrained by Section 20.1, be extended from five to eight years. Any land owner denied a building permit because of these provisions may appeal to the Board of Assessors, in conformity with Section 59, Chapter 59, General Laws, for a determination as to the extent to which the temporary restriction on development use of such land shall affect the assessed valuation placed on such land for purpose of real estate taxation, and for abatement as determined to be appropriate.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting a new Section 20.1, to read as follows:

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- (2) If permit issuance will result in authorization\* subsequent to the same date two years previously of a number of dwelling units not exceeding 25% of the number of lots in the subdivision or 25% of the number of multi-family dwelling units permitted under the Special Permit authorizing those units, or not exceeding the sum of the two in the case of multi-family development within a subdivision.



- (3) If the date of release from paragraph (B) of Section 20.1 has been reached for the subdivision lot or multi-family dwelling unit as indicated on a Development Schedule which has been approved by the Planning Board and recorded with the subdivision plan which creates the lot, or approved by the Board of Appeals and recorded with the Special Permit authorizing the multi-family development.

Planning Board or Board of Appeals approval of a Development Schedule shall be granted provided that (1) the schedule releases not more than 25% of the potential dwelling units in the subdivision or multi-family development prior to the same date two years following endorsement of approval, (2) in each twelve months thereafter the schedule adds to the released category not more than 12½ % of the total numbers of potential dwelling units in the subdivision or multi-family development, and (3) the development sequence established by the schedule is not determined by the Planning Board or Board of Appeals to be arbitrary or unreasonable.

- (C) Extremely Rapid Building. If permits issuance will result in more than 300 new dwelling units having been authorized townwide subsequent to the same date two years previous, building permits shall be issued only if one or more of the conditions of paragraph (B) are met, and also the issuance will not result in the applicant being granted building permits for five or more dwelling units\* subsequent to the same date one year previous for that and for contiguous subdivisions or parcels which have been in the same ownership at any time subsequent to December 5, 1978.
- (D) The protection against subsequent zoning change granted to land in a subdivision by Section 6 of Chapter 40-A, General Laws, shall, in the case of a development whose completion has been constrained by Section 20.1, be extended from five to eight years. Any land owner denied a building permit because of these provisions may appeal to the Board of Assessors., in conformity with Section 59, Chapter 59, General Laws, for a determination as to the extent to which the temporary restriction on development use of such land shall affect the assessed valuation placed on such land for purposes of real estate taxation, and for abatement as determined to be appropriate.

\*Exclusive of unutilized authorizations which have lapsed or have been withdrawn.

Votes in the affirmative 133, votes in the negative 12. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting at the end of Section 18. Definitions the following:

“19. Lot Area:

The horizontal area of the lot exclusive of any area in a street or recorded way open or proposed to be open to public use. At least 90% of the lot area required for zoning compliance shall be land other than that under any body of water, including watercourses, or any bog, swamp, wet meadow, or marsh, as defined in Section 40, Chapter 131, General Laws, to be determined by the Building Inspector, following consultation with the conservation Commission.”

MOTION TO AMEND the Warrant Committees motion by inserting after the word “zoning compliance” the words “in a subdivision”.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND carried. Votes in the affirmative 61, votes in the negative 55. A standing vote.

MOTION TO CUT off further debate carried. Votes in the affirmative 114, votes in the negative 39. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting at the end of Section 18. Definitions the following:

“19. Lot Area:

The horizontal area of the lot exclusive of any area in a street or recorded way open or proposed to be open to public use. At least 90% of the lot area required for zoning compliance in a subdivision shall be land other than that under any body of water, including watercourses, or any bog, swamp, wet meadow, or marsh, as defined in Section 40, Chapter 131, General Laws, to be determined by the Building Inspector, following consultation with the Conservation Commission.” Votes in the affirmative 103, votes in the negative 43. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Zoning By-laws by deleting Section 13B in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

“(B) Cluster Development. In Single Residence Districts A the Board of Appeals may, upon application and after public hearing, grant a Special Permit for cluster Development with reduced requirements for the area and width of lots not having frontage on an existing public way in a subdivision comprising at least ten acres provided the following and complied with:

1. Application and Review Procedure

- (a) To promote better communication and to avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit preliminary proposals for informal review prior to formal application. Upon request, the Planning Board shall arrange a meeting for such review, inviting the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Town Engineer, and any other officials deemed appropriate.
- (b) Applicants for a Special Permit shall file with the Town Clerk nine copies of the following, to have been prepared by an interdisciplinary design team including a Registered Land Surveyor, a Professional Engineer, and a registered Architect or Landscape Architect.
  - (i) A plan of the proposed subdivision, and an alternate plan of the land showing lots and ways conventionally laid out under applicable lot area, frontage, and width requirements. Said plans shall be endorsed by the Planning Board as conforming to the requirements of a preliminary plan as defined by the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board and to the intent of those Regulations. Such plans shall also indicate proposed topography and the results of recent deep soil test pits and percolation tests at a rate of one per every five acres but in no case fewer than five per subdivision.
  - (ii) An Environmental and Community Assessment as required by Schedule E of the Sharon Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations as adopted May 25, 1976.

- (iii) Any additional information necessary to make the comparisons cited in paragraph 4 below, at a level of detail commensurate with the scale of the development, as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (iv) A report on the form of organization proposed to own and maintain the open space, and the substance of Covenants and grants of easements to be imposed upon the use of land and structures.
- (c) Copies of these materials shall be transmitted forthwith upon receipt to the Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Engineer, Department of Public Works, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Police Department, and Fire Department. Agencies other than the Board of Appeals shall submit reports on the proposal to the Board of Appeals within 35 days of the referral, and the Board of Appeals shall make no decision upon the application until receipt of all such reports or until 35 days have lapsed since date of referral without them.

## 2. Cluster Development Lot Requirements

- (a) Every dwelling to be constructed in a Clustered Subdivision shall be provided a lot containing not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred (100) feet at the required setback line.
- (b) All lots shall be drawn so that the ratio of area in square feet to perimeter in feet is never less than thirty (30).
- (c) The number of lots shall not exceed the number of lots (as defined by Section 18) shown on the conventional plan provided only that each of those lots shall meet all dimensional requirements of this By-Law.

## 3. Open Land

- (a) The total area of "Open Land" within the subdivision shall equal or exceed the sum of the area by which any individual lots are reduced below the minimum lot area normally required in the district and shall comprise at least 25% of the total area of the subdivision.



- (b) The minimum width of any Open Land counted towards the 25% requirement shall be fifty (50) feet.
  - (c) Not more than ten percent of such Open Land shall be devoted to paved areas and structures used for, or as accessory to, active outdoor recreation, consistent with the open space uses of such land.
  - (d) Open Land shall be so located that a majority of lots having reduced area about it, and all lots having reduced area are within 800 feet of the Open Land via proposed ways.
  - (e) Such Open Land shall either be conveyed to the Town of Sharon and accepted by it for park or open space use, or be conveyed to a non-profit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, or be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the plan, with the selection of ownership to be approved by the Board of Appeals. If such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units. In any case where such land is not conveyed to the Town, a restriction enforceable by the Town of Sharon shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and not be built upon or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway.
4. Decision. The decision of the Board of Appeals shall consider the reports specified from town boards and agencies and shall be based upon these comparisons of the proposed cluster plan with the conventional plan.
- (a) General Scope
    - al. Consistency in or reduction of the number of lots.
    - a2. Increase in amenities: off-street pathways, recreation areas, wilderness areas for which access is provided to at least all residents of the development.

(b) Functional Systems

- b1 Reduction in the likely number of driveway openings onto existing streets, onto new streets serving more than twenty dwelling units, or within one hundred (100) feet of an intersection.
- b2. Reduction in the length of streets, water mains, and storm drains.
- b3 Increase in the safety of egress from the development onto existing streets because of having fewer, better located, or better designed egresses.
- b4 Increase in the percentage of on-site disposal systems located where the percolation rate is favorable, water table low, and slope moderate.

(c) Visual Concerns

- c1. Increase in vistas preserved or created.
- c2. Reduction in the number of dwellings within two hundred feet of an existing street.

(d) Environmental Protection

- d1. Reduction of the total area over which vegetation is disturbed by cut or fill or displacement.
- d2. Reduction in critical lands (slopes in excess of 15%; land within one hundred (100) feet of a waterbody, wetland, or stream; land having outstanding or rare vegetation) disturbed by construction.
- d3. Reduction of the extent of waterways altered or relocated.
- d4. Reduction in the volume of cut and fill for roads and construction sites.
- d5. Increase in the scale of contiguous area assured to be preserved in a natural state.

- d6. Reduction in the number of on-site disposal systems or amount of impermeable surfaces located within areas tributary to Lake Massapoag or a municipal water supply.

A proposed Cluster Development which meets all requirements of the Zoning By-Laws and other applicable controls and which is generally superior to conventional development based upon the above considerations shall be granted a Special Permit unless, in comparison with development under a conventional plan, in other respects the Cluster Development would create relatively serious hazard, traffic congestion, reduction in the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties, or environmental degradation."

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That action under Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.

MOTION TO CUT OFF further debate carried unanimously.

VOTED: That action under Article 7 be indefinitely postponed carried. Votes in the affirmative 80, votes in the negative 67. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action under Article 7 not carried. (This Article called for a Zoning change in lot areas.)

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding Water Resource Protection District to the Zoning Map, as shown on the map dated November 6, 1978, and titled "Zoning Proposals", by adding "Water Resource Protection Districts" to the list of districts in SECTION 1. Establishment of Districts; and by inserting a new Section 8-B as follows;

"SECTION 8-B. Water Resource Protection District

"(A) Purpose. The purpose of the Water Resource Protection District is to protect public health by preventing excessive degradation of groundwater utilized for public water supply and of surface water bodies utilized for public recreation.

(B) Regulations. Water Resource Protection Districts, as shown on the Zoning Map, shall be considered to be superimposed over any other district established in this By-Law. Land in a Water Resource Protection District may be used for any purpose otherwise permitted in the underlying district, subject to the following additional restrictions.

1. Site design shall result in no increase in the peak rate of storm water runoff in a ten year storm. Runoff shall be directed towards areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration. Catch basins and piped storm sewers shall be used only where other methods are infeasible, and where such devices are used, shall employ oil skimmers and other anti-pollution devices.
2. Impervious materials shall not cover more than 20% of lot area, and not less than 30% of lot area shall be retained in its natural state without more than minor removal of existing trees and ground vegetation for nonagricultural development. Such retained open space shall be located so as to increase distances between impervious surfaces or onsite disposal systems and any surface water body or municipal well.
3. Where the premises are partially outside of the Water Resource Protection District, site design shall to the degree feasible locate such potential pollution sources as on-site disposal systems outside of the District.

(C) Insensitive Locations. Special Permits may be granted by the Board of Appeals to exempt a location from the requirements of Section 8-B provided that the applicant demonstrates that development at that location cannot affect any developed or planned public water supply or water body used for public recreation. Applicants for such Special Permit shall be referred to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Town Engineer for their review and comment."

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding "Conservancy District" to the list of districts in SECTION 1. Establishment of District, and by adding the following Section 8-C:

"SECTION 8-C. Conservancy District

"(A) Purpose. The purpose of the Conservancy District is to avoid hazard resulting from reduction of the water retention capacity of wetlands, to reduce the incidence of unhealthful conditions resulting from development in areas of high water table, and to reduce the likelihood of noxious conditions resulting from waterbody eutrophication.



(B) Definition. There is hereby created a Conservancy District, comprising the following:

1. All that area included within seventy-five (75) feet of Massapoag Lake, Briggs Pond, Wolomolopoag Pond, Hammershop Pond, Knifeshop Pond, Car Works Pond, Saw Mill Pond, Beaver Brook, Billings Brook, Devils Brook, Massapoag Brook, Sucker Brook, and Traphole Brook.
2. All that area included within twenty-five (25) feet of any other body of water, including watercourses, or of any bog, swamp, wet meadow, or marsh, as defined in Section 40, Chapter 131, General Laws.

Such area shall not be considered to be included in any other zoning district of the By-Law, verbal descriptions notwithstanding. In determining district boundary locations, the Inspector of Buildings shall consult with the Conservation Commission.

(C) Permitted Uses. The following uses, and no others, are permitted in the Conservancy District provided that they comply with all other provisions of this and any other applicable by-law or regulation:

1. The construction and maintenance of a driveway of minimum legal and practical width where alternative means of access from a public way to unrestricted land of the same owner is unavailable; the enlargement to minimum legal and practical width and the maintenance of roadways in existence on December 5, 1978; and the construction of other single land driveways and paths or residential subdivision streets, including excavation and filling incidental thereto;
2. The installation and maintenance of underground utilities provided the surface of the wetland is restored substantially to its original condition; construction which may be required by public or quasi-public agencies or private utilities for the installation or extension of above-ground services;
3. The routine operation and maintenance of service on open land in a Cluster Development or on property owned or controlled by public, or quasi-public bodies and used for conservation, water supply, park or

recreation purposes or on land owned or controlled by public agencies or public utilities and used for the transmission of electric power, gas, or oil, or the normal maintenance of sewerage or water lines;

4. The construction and maintenance of boat launching ramps; the excavation of boat channels or boat mooring slips accessory to a single family use.
5. The construction of wildlife impoundments and other such excavations, provided that no fill or other material shall be placed upon the premises except as may be necessary to construct the retention structure and provide access thereto, and to provide bank stabilization;
6. The construction and maintenance of beaches, outdoor recreation activities, such as but not limited to, hiking, boating, trapping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, skeet and trap shooting and shooting preserves;
7. The construction and maintenance of catwalks, wharves, boathouses, boat shelters, fences, duck-blinds, wildlife management shelter, foot bridges, observation decks and shelters;
8. Other works which are designed to enhance conservation or the appearance and attractiveness of open space or recreation areas without altering their use as such.
9. Other uses such as certain schools, churches, and agricultural uses, which Section 3 of Chapter 40A mandates cannot be prohibited.

(D) Prohibited Activities. Except where authorized in paragraph (C) above:

1. No person shall fill, place, or dump on premises within the Conservancy District any soil, loam, peat, sand, gravel, rock or other mineral substance, refuse, trash, rubbish, or debris;
2. No person shall drain or excavate or dredge any premises or remove therefrom loam, peat, sand, gravel, soil, or other mineral substance;

3. No person shall perform any act or use any premises in a manner which would destroy the natural contours of the land, substantially alter existing patterns of water flow, or otherwise alter or permit the alteration of the natural and beneficial character of the environment.

(E) Special Permits. The Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit to allow any use permitted in that Single Residence or Rural District nearest the premises in question, and the Special Permit Granting Authority having jurisdiction may grant a Special Permit for a use allowed on Special Permit in such District in either case subject to all requirements of that district and provided that the Special Permit Granting Authority, after seeking and obtaining the advice of the conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Planning Board, determines that the proposed use will not violate the purposes stated for this District."

MOTION TO AMEND by adding under paragraph (B) definition a section "3", and by revising the first sentence so that it reads:

3 "The areas in paragraph (B) 1 and (B) 2 shall not be considered to be included in any other zoning district of the By-Law, verbal description notwithstanding, but for lots located in part in another district, the portion of the lot within the Conservancy District may be credited towards satisfying the lot area requirements of that other district." carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding "Conservancy District" to the list of districts in SECTION 1. Establishment of Districts, and by adding the following Section 8-C:

"SECTION 8-C. Conservancy District

"(A) Purpose. The purpose of the Conservancy District is to avoid hazard resulting from reduction of the water retention capacity of wetlands, to reduce the incidence of unhealthful conditions resulting from development in areas of high water table, and to reduce the likelihood of noxious conditions resulting from waterbody eutrophication.

(B) Definition. There is hereby created a Conservancy District, comprising the following:

1. All that area included within seventy-five (75) feet of Massapoag Lake, Briggs Pond, Wolomolopoag Pond, Hammershop Pond, Knifeshop Pond, Car Works Pond, Saw Mill Pond, Beaver Brook, Billings Brook, Devils Brook, Massapoag Brook, Sucker Brook, and Traphole Brook.
2. All that area included within twenty-five (25) feet of any other body of water, including watercourses, or of any bog, swamp, wet meadow, or marsh, as defined in Section 40, Chapter 131, General Laws.
3. The area in paragraph (B) 1 and (B) 2 shall not be considered to be included in any other zoning district of the By-Law, verbal description notwithstanding, but for lots located in part in another district, the portion of the lot within the Conservancy District may be credited towards satisfying the lot area requirements of that other district.

In determining district boundary locations, the Inspector of Buildings shall consult with the Conservation Commission.

(C) Permitted Uses. The following uses, and no others, are permitted in the Conservancy District provided that they comply with all other provisions of this and any other applicable by-law or regulation:

1. The construction and maintenance of a driveway of minimum legal and practical width where alternative means of access from a public way to unrestricted land of the same owner is unavailable; the enlargement to minimum legal and practical width and the maintenance of raised roadways in existence on December 5, 1978; and the construction of other single land driveways and paths or residential subdivision streets, including excavation and filling incidental thereto;
2. The installation and maintenance of underground utilities provided the surface of the wetland is restored substantially to its original condition; construction which may be required by public or quasi-public agencies or private utilities for the installation or extension of above-ground services;



3. The routine operation and maintenance of services on open land in a Cluster Development or on property owned or controlled by public or quasi-public bodies and used for conservation, water supply, park or recreation purposes or on land owned or controlled by public agencies or public utilities and used for the transmission of electric power, gas, or oil, of the normal maintenance of sewerage or water lines;
4. The construction and maintenance of boat launching ramps; the excavation of boat channels or boat mooring slips accessory to a single family use.
5. The construction of wildlife impoundments and other such excavations, provided that no fill or other material shall be placed upon the premises except as may be necessary to construct the retention structure and provide access thereto, and to provide bank stabilization;
6. The construction and maintenance of beaches, outdoor recreation activities, such as but not limited to, hiking, boating, trapping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, skeet and trap shooting and shooting preserves;
7. The construction and maintenance of catwalks, wharves, boathouses, boat shelters, fences, duck-blinds, wildlife management shelters, foot bridges, observation decks and shelters;
8. Other works which are designed to enhance conservation or the appearance and attractiveness of open space or recreation areas without altering their use as such.
9. Other uses such as certain schools, churches, and agricultural uses, which Section 3 of Chapter 40A mandates cannot be prohibited.

(D) Prohibited Activities. Except where authorized in paragraph (C) above:

1. No person shall fill, place, or dump on premises within the Conservancy District any soil, loam, peat, sand, gravel, rock or other mineral substance, refuse, trash, rubbish, or debris;

2. No person shall drain or excavate or dredge any premises or remove therefrom loam, peat, sand, gravel, soil, or other mineral substance;
3. No person shall perform any act or use any premises in a manner which would destroy the natural contours of the land, substantially alter existing patterns of water flow, or otherwise alter or permit the alteration of the natural and beneficial character of the environment.

(E) Special Permits. The Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit to allow any use permitted in that Single Residence or Rural District nearest the premises in question, and the Special Permit Granting Authority having jurisdiction may grant a Special Permit for a use allowed on Special Permit in such District, in either case subject to all requirements of that district and provided that the Special Permit Granting Authority, after seeking and obtaining the advice of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Planning Board, determines that the proposed use will not violate the purposes stated for this District."

Votes in the affirmative 78, votes in the negative 20 A standing vote.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That action under Article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

(This Article called for a Southwest Suburban Area under our Zoning By-Law.)

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That action under Article 11 be indefinitely postponed.

(this Article called for an East Suburban Area under our Zoning by-Law.)

VOTED: That the Special Town Meeting be officially dissolved at 11:35 P.M., December 6, 1978.

Attest: Arthur E. Collins  
Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts



Debbie Petrucci  
Grade 3  
Cottage Street School

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

April 3, 1978

Pursuant to the provision of the Warrant of February 1, 1978, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections, met in the High School Gymnasium at 8 A.M., Tuesday, April 3, 1978. The meeting was called to order by the following Wardens of Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4: Lois Dowd, Shirley S. Davenport, Joan M. Leary, and Lillian Schlafman. Katherine P. Neault, Warden, read the call and return of the Warrant. Ballot boxes were shown to be empty, registering zero, boxes locked and keys delivered to James Testa, Police Officer of the Day. The election officers were sworn.

At 8 P.M., the Polls were declared closed. Total votes: Precinct 1 - 784; Precinct 2 - 643; Precinct 3 - 670; Precinct 4 - 592; Total - 2689. The ballots were canvassed according to law by an electronic vote-counting machine, results transcribed on tally sheets and declaration made by Harold Jackson at 9:30 P.M. as follows:

Precinct Numbers:	1	2	3	4	Total
MODERATOR (1 year)					
*George E. Donovan	627	506	553	472	2158
Blanks	157	137	117	120	531
SELECTMAN (3 years)					
*Norman Katz	437	455	395	302	1589
Leonard J. Sacco	334	183	268	279	1064
Blanks	13	5	7	11	36
ASSESSOR (3 years)					
*Anne M. Carney	463	294	390	412	1559
Samuel B. Goldman	280	318	257	162	1017
Blanks	41	31	23	18	113
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years, vote for two)					
*Martin J. Badoian	487	395	416	392	1690
*Corrine Hershman	572	487	499	434	1992
Blanks	509	404	425	358	1696
PLANNING BOARD (5 years)					
*Marilyn Kahn	573	494	509	436	2012
Blanks	211	149	161	156	677



PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 years, vote for two)

*Sydney S. Morgan	563	451	495	433	1942
*Constance W. Steere	562	431	468	429	1890
Blanks	443	404	377	322	1546

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)

*Dorothy Kaufman	471	415	392	330	1608
Allen Parker	244	175	210	219	848
Blanks	69	53	68	43	233

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

\*Elected

Attest: Arthur E. Collins  
Sharon Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 10, 1978

The adjourned Town Meeting of April 3, 1978, was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk Arthur E. Collins read the notice of adjournment. Prayer of divine guidance was offered by the Reverend Everett Nickerson.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11 P.M. or at the close of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, April 11, 1978 at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 2. The Committee on Nominations for the Warrant Committee submitted the following names to fill the three year terms: Ralph Hall, 28 Depot Street; Sydney L. Falk, 194 East Street; Walter L. Isaacs, 26 High Street and Charles A. Reingold, 51 Barefoot Hill Road. For the two year term, Patricia A. Zlotin, 31 High Plain Street. For the one year term, Robert N. Zuckerman, 20 Grant Circle.

The above names were put to a vote singly and declared elected.

At this point, the Moderator presented to the meeting the names of those to serve at the Committee on Nominations for the Warrant Committee for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting: Gordon W. Gladstone, 2 Bruce Avenue; Doris R. Downey, 37 Edgehill Road; Harold J. Donovan, 68 South Pleasant Street; Marilyn J. Stewart, 32 Lincoln Road; James Carney, 41 Pole Plain Road.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the reports of the various Town Officers, Boards and Committees be received for filing.

**Sharon Friends School Fund**

Balance Beginning of Year .....	\$2,745.68
Receipts During Year .....	<u>862.53</u>
	\$3,608.21
Expenditures .....	<u>1,720.00</u>
Balance .....	\$1,888.21

ARTICLE 4. (1) VOTED: That the Personnel Compensation By-Law be amended as set forth in the sheets distributed by the Personnel Board at this meeting, except for the following category classifications in the Pay Schedules of Title VIII:

- 1. Executive Category  
Code E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7.
- 2. Miscellaneous Category  
Custodial/Maintenance (hourly)
- 3. Recreation Department  
Community Center Custodian (hourly)

**JOB TITLE IDENTIFICATION - 1978-1979**

Job Code	Job Title
E-1	Executive Secretary
E-2	Superintendent of Public Works
E-3	Town Engineer
E-4	Town Accountant
E-5	Recreation Director
E-6	Library Director
E-7	Fire Chief
ATP-1	Supervisor Highway Division
ATP-1	Supervisor Water Division
ATP-2	Administrative Assistant DPW
ATP-3	Program Director Recreation
ATP-4	Building Inspector
ATP-5	Senior Engineering Aide
ATP-6	Public Health Nurse
ATP-7	Engineering Aide
ATP-8	Recreation Supervisor
ATP-9	Children's Librarian
ATP-9	Circulation Librarian
ATP-9	Reference-Young People's Librarian

**TITLE VIII**

Schedules:

Section 1.000 Classification Schedules effective July 1, 1978

Section 2.000 Pay Schedules effective July 1, 1978

The amount of pay shown in the following schedules reflects the base compensation for the particular specified position.

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100		Section 2.100	
Classification Schedule		Pay Schedule - Annually	
<u>Code</u>		<u>Salary</u>	
E-1		30,600.	
E-2		27,000.	
E-3		25,500.	
E-4		15,600.	
E-5		20,600.	
E-6		18,000.	
E-7		23,200.	

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY**

Section 1.200		Section 2.200				
Classification Schedule		Pay Schedule - Weekly				
<u>Code</u>		<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
ATP-1						330.
ATP-2					297.	319
ATP-3	233.	249.	266.	285.	306.	
ATP-4	233.	249.	266.	285.	306.	
ATP-5	218.	233.	250.	268.	290.	
ATP-6	208.	223.	238.	254.	270.	
ATP-7	208.	223.	238.	254.	270.	
ATP-8	192.	204.	216	228.	240.	
ATP-9	175.	187.	200.	214.	229.	

A part-time position shall be paid pro rata in the same proportion to full pay as its weekly hours are to the normal work week of the department.

**INDUSTRIAL TRADES AND SERVICES CATEGORY**

(The following rates for the ITS category are in effect thru June 30, 1978. A contract with the DPW personnel for fiscal year 1978-1979 has not been agreed upon at publication date. These rates are subject to change at Town Meeting.)

Section 1.300  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.300  
Pay Schedule - Hourly

<u>Title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Working Foreman	ITS-3	5.89	6.06	6.21	6.39
Master Mechanic	ITS-4	5.66	5.80	5.92	6.05
Tree Climber	ITS-4				
Special Heavy Equipment Operator	ITS-5	5.19	5.39	5.55	5.70
Water Systems Technician	ITS-5				
Automobile Equipment Operator	ITS-6	5.05	5.17	5.31	5.43
Skilled Laborer	ITS-6				
Labor Group II	ITS-7	4.69	4.82	4.95	5.08
Labor Group III	ITS-8	4.49	4.60	4.71	4.82
Auxiliary Labor	ITS-9	4.24	4.34	4.42	4.51
Assistant Dump Operator	ITS-9A	4.07	4.16	4.28	4.36

**OFFICE OCCUPATION CATEGORY**

Section 1.400  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.400  
Pay Schedule - Hourly

<u>Code</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
00-2	4.22	4.54	4.88	5.22	5.60
00-3	3.90	4.20	4.49	4.81	5.16
00-4	3.66	3.94	4.22	4.52	4.86
00-5	3.28	3.52	3.77	4.05	4.32

A part-time position shall be paid pro rata in the same proportion to full pay as its weekly hours are to the normal work week of the department.

**PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY**

(The following rates for Police Sergeant and Patrolman are in effect thru June 30, 1978. A contract with the Sharon Police Association for 1978-79 fiscal year has not been reached at publication date. These rates are subject to change at Town Meeting.)

(For full employment, except PD-20 & PD-20A)

Section 1.500  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.500  
Pay Schedule (Weekly except as noted)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Police Cheif	PD-110					492.12
Police Lieutenant	PD-90					462.83
Police Sergeant	PD-80					301.61
Patrolman	PD-60	223.77	238.83	254.57	273.39	
		PD-60A	PD-60B	PD-60C	PD-60D	
		1st yr.	2nd yr.	3rd yr.	Max.	



Senior School Crossing traffic Super (Daily)	PD-20A			17.57
School Crossing Traffic Super	PD-20 (Daily)	11.71	12.87	14.05
Matron (1st Hr.) (2nd succeeding hr. 2 hr. minimum)	PD.10			6.37
				4.25

Officers working on the second and third shifts shall receive 3% pay differential increases.

Members of the Police Department in the above classifications who became certified, are certified, or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians will receive an additional amount of \$100. in each fiscal year so certified or recertified.

The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$492.12 per week. The pay of the Lieutenant, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$462.83 per week. The existing percentage spread between the pay of PD-110 and PD-90 shall be maintained.

The members of the Police Department while designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation as follows, to be considered part of their base pay:

Detective Sergeant and Police Prosecutor	23.08 per week
Detective Patrolman	11.54 per week
Other Sergeants	11.54 per week

Pay for non-regular police officers (appointed special or auxiliary police officers) when assigned by the Chief of Police to a paid departmental detail shall be at an hourly rate equivalent to the lowest rate for patrolman.

Pay for non-regular police officers (appointed special or auxiliary police officers) when assigned by the Chief of Police to a paid outside detail shall be at an hourly rate of \$10. for the first hour and \$6. for every hour thereafter.

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedules do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the state.

All regulations and compensation are established by a contractual agreement between the Town of Sharon and the Sharon Police Association for PD-80, PD-60A, PD-60B, PD-60C, and PD-60D.

(The following rates for Fire Department personnel are in effect thru June 30, 1978. A contract with Local 1880 IAAF for 1978-79 fiscal year has not been reached at publication date. These rates are subject to change at Town Meeting.)

Section 1.510	Section 2.510
Classification Schedule	Pay Schedule - Weekly

<u>Title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Fire Lieutenant	FD-80					310.35
Fire Fighter	FD-60	222.47	235.73	248.27	265.15	
		FD-60A	FD-60B	FD-60C	FD-60D	
		1st yr.	2nd yr.	3rd yr.	4th yr.	

Members of the Fire Department in the above Classifications who became certified, are certified, or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians will receive an additional amount of \$100. in each fiscal year so certified or recertified.

The rate of pay for call fire fighters when responding to an alarm of fire, other incidents of an emergency nature, shall be \$6. per man per hour for a minimum of two hours. Should a recall(s) occur within the minimum time of two hours compensation at \$6. per hour, the total compensation will be based on the time elapsed from initial report to duty to the time of final release from duty.

The Town will reimburse members of the call fire fighting department the sum of \$10. per day per man for each day this member attends an accredited school for the purpose of furthering his knowledge of the fire service and its operations. Attendance at any such school shall have first been authorized in writing by the Chief of the Department.

The Town will reimburse any such member of the call fire fighting department the sum of 12c per road mile for expenses accrued in attending such school when the minimum distance travelled exceeds in road trip totals 10 miles.

The Town will provide all members of the call fire fighting department with Occupational, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in the amount of \$10,000. per man.

The Town will pay each call fire fighter the amount of \$300. per year salary if such member attends 3/4 of all calls for that year. If not, he will be paid for the fires he has attended and paid only the hourly rate.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1.600

Classification Schedule

Section 2.600

Pay Schedule

<u>Title</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Veterans' Agent (Weekly)					94.30
Library Page (Hourly)					2.65
Library Aide (hourly)					2.65
Sealer of Weights and Measures (Yearly)					968.00
Dog Officer and Ass't (Daily-7 Day Week)					22.50
Animal Inspector (Yearly)					750.00

Custodial/Maintenance (Hourly)	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75
Auxiliary Labor (Hourly) Recreation Dept. Part-time				2.66	2.97
D.P.W. Temporary- Summer Labor			2.90	3.10	3.30

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Full Time

Community Center Custodian (Hourly)	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75
Bus Driver (Weekly)	147.00	158.00	168.00	179.00	189.00

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Playground Supervisor (Season - 8 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	1200.00	1300.00
Playground Leader (Weekly - 8 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		95.00
Arts-Crafts Instructor (Weekly - 9 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		92.75
Tennis Instructor (Weekly - 9 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		92.75
Gymnastic Instructor (Season - 6 weeks @ 20 hrs. per week)	400.00	450.00
Waterfront Director (Season - 6 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	1350.00	1450.00
Water Safety Instructor (Weekly - 11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	111.00	116.00
Head Life Guard (Weekly - 11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		126.00
Senior Lifesaving Instructor (Weekly - 11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	108.00	113.00
Head Gate Guard (Weekly - 11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		111.00
Gate Guard (weekly - 11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		106.00
Sailing Supervisor (Weekly - 10 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		126.00
Sailing Instructor (Weekly - 10 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		106.00

ARTICLE 4. (2) MOVED: That the following new classifications and Pay Schedule are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100 Classification Schedule	Section 2.100 Pay Schedule - Annually
<u>Code</u>	<u>Salary</u>
E-1	\$30,200.
E-4	15,400.
E-5	20,400.
E-7	22,900.

MOVED TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS: That the following new classifications and Pay Schedules are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100 Classification Schedule	Section 2.100 Pay Schedule - Annually
<u>Code</u>	<u>Salary</u>
E-1	\$30,600.
E-4	15,600.
E-5	20,600.
E-7	23,200.

MOTION FOR PREVIOUS QUESTION made and carried. Votes in the affirmative 339, votes in the negative - 75. A standing vote.

VOTED: that Mr. J. Edward Bamber, a non-voter, be allowed to speak.

VOTED TO AMEND as follows: That E-1, E-4, E-5, and E-7 of the Pay Schedule be increased as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Salary</u>
E-1	\$30,600.
E-4	15,600.
E-5	20,600.
E-7	23,200.

Votes in the affirmative 295, votes in the negative 138. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the following new classification and Pay Schedules are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100 Classification Schedule	Section 2.100 Pay Schedule - Annually
<u>Code</u>	<u>Salary</u>
E-1	\$30,600.
E-4	15,600.
E-5	20,600.
E-7	23,200.



ARTICLE 4. (3) VOTED: That the following new Classifications and Pay Schedules are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100	Section 2.100
Classification Schedule	Pay Schedule - Annually
<u>Code</u>	<u>Salary</u>
E-3	\$25,000.
E-6.	17,500.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action on last vote on Code E-3 and Code E-6 not carried. Votes in the affirmative 194, votes in the negative 216. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 4. (4) MOTION: That the following new Classification and Pay Schedules are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1.600	Section 2.600				
Classification Schedule	Pay Schedules				
<u>Title</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Custodial/Maintenance (Hourly)	3.57	3.84	4.02	4.24	4.53

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Community Center Custodial/Maintenance (Hourly)	3.57	3.84	4.02	4.24	4.53
not carried.					

ARTICLE 4. (4) VOTED: That the following new Classifications and Pay Schedules are effective as of July 1, 1978:

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1.600	Section 2.600				
Classification Schedule	Pay Schedule				
<u>Title</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Custodial/Maintenance (Hourly)	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Community Center Custodial/Maintenance (Hourly)	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75
votes in the affirmative 265; votes in the negative 124. A standing vote.					

ARTICLE 4. (5) MOVED: That the following new Classification and Pay Schedule is effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.10  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.100  
Pay Schedule - Annually

Code  
**E-2**

Salary  
**\$25,000.**

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the following new Classification and Pay Schedule is effective as of July 1, 1978:

**EXECUTIVE CATEGORY**

Section 1.100  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.100  
Pay Schedule - Annually

Code  
**E-2**

Salary  
**\$25,000.**

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action under vote on E-2 not carried.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under E-2, E-4, E-5 and E-7 not carried.

ARTICEL 4A MOTION: That action under Article 4A be indefinitely postponed, carried.

(This Article called for Yom Kippur to be included as a holiday for town employees.)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER vote that the meeting adjourn at 11 P.M. or at the close of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 11, 1978, carried.

VOTED: That the Annual Town Meeting of April 10, 1978, be adjourned at 10:55 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, April 11, 1978, then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1978.

TOWN OF SHARON

NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Annual Town Meeting of April 10, 1978, was adjourned at 10:55 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, April 11, 1978 at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1978.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

April 11, 1978

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 11, 1978

MOTION that Article 45 be considered at this time, carried.

ARTICLE 45. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town dissolve and discharge the Sharon American Revolution Bicentennial Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the vote taken under Article 29 of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting and that the Town gratefully acknowledge the excellent performance and hard work of the following members of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee: Chandler W. Jones, Chairman, Sydney S. Morgan, Vice Chairman, Dorothy Porter, Secretary, John T. Connors, Jr., Karl A. Gelpke, Doris A. Gladstone, Gordon L. Hawes, Robert Levy, Dwight R. Pelton, Walter L. Reeve, Harold Schneiderman

April 11, 1978

Mr. Chandler W. Jones, Chairman  
American Revolution Bicentennial Committee  
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067

Dear Chandler:

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, wishes to extend sincere appreciation to you and the members of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee in presenting meaningful and lasting memorials in celebration of the 200th birthday of our nation.

You and your committee spent many hours over several months in planning every detail necessary to make all events successful and well attended.

We note the lasting memorial, the publication entitled "Sharon Massachusetts - A History" which tells the story of Sharon from earliest times to the present.

The Board of Selectmen will present to you and your committee members certificates of appreciation of the town in recognition of the success of your work in the two years of celebration of our bicentennial.

Very truly yours,  
COLLEEN M. TUCK, Chairman  
ADOLF W. ARNOLD  
NORMAN KATZ

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at the close of the Article under discussion at 11:00 P.M. and reconvene at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday evening, April 18, 1978, at the High School Auditorium.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for the various Town Officers and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, the various sums segregated as stated, recommended by the Warrant Committee and printed in the copy of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year July 1, 1978 thru June 30, 1979, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Building Inspector
Town Accountant	Health
Town Clerk	Department of Public Works
Elections, Registrations	Parks
Treasurer-Collector	Recreation
Board of Assessors	Community Center
Engineering	Development & Ind. Comm.
Planning Board	Reserve Fund
Police Department	Public Library
Fire Department	School Committee
Norfolk County Retirement	

VOTED: Moderator	\$ 60.00
Warrant Committee	285.00
Law	28,500.00
Personnel Board	500.00
Board of Appeals	2,190.00
Conservation Commission	650.00
Council on Aging	800.00
Transportation Adv. Board	50.00
Sealer of Weights	1,148.00
Dog Officer	10,865.00
Civil Defense	6,210.00
Ambulance	15,710.00
Inspector of Animals	1,000.00
Sacred Heart Building	23,000.00
High Street Building	7,300.00
Street Lighting	140,000.00
Veterans' Services	20,000.00
Community Celebrations	7,020.00
Town Report	6,600.00
Insurance	357,798.00
Gasoline	60,370.00
Veterans' Graves	425.00
Vocational Tuition	5,000.00
Southeastern Regional	
Vocational School	117,783.00
Veterans' Pensions	6,200.00
Interest	128,416.00
Maturing Debt	440,000.00



VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,556. for the Board of Selectmen, of which \$1,300. shall be for the salaries of the Selectmen, \$200. shall be for out-of-state travel, and the balance of \$51,056. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,572. for the Town Accountant, of which \$15,600 shall be for the salary of the Town Accountant, and the balance of \$16,972. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,693. for the Town Clerk, of which \$10,370. shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, \$75. shall be for out-of-state travel, and the balance of \$24,248. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,890. for Elections and Registrations and Town Meetings.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,261. for the Treasurer-Collector, of which \$22,250. shall be for the salary of the Treasurer-Collector, \$150. shall be for out-of-state travel, \$7,680. shall be for tax titles, and \$78,181 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,083. for the Board of Assessors, of which \$6,200. shall be for the salaries of the Assessors, and the balance of \$33,883. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,717. for the Engineering Department.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,764. for the Planning Board budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$562,126. for the Police Department, and to meet this appropriation \$337,126. shall be raised on the tax levy, \$225,000. transferred Federal Revenue Sharing Funds available and those to be received.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$319,116. for the Fire Department, of which \$200. shall be for out-of-state travel, and the balance of \$318,916. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,647. for the Building Inspector budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,954. for the Board of Health budget.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,034,454. for the Department of Public Works, of which \$300. shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$1,034,154. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

MOTION TO AMEND: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,053,043. for the Department of Public Works, of which \$300. shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$1,052,743. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses, carried. Votes in the affirmative 120, votes in the negative 112. A standing vote.

MOTION that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,053,043. for the Department of Public Works, of which \$300. shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$1,052,743. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses, not carried. Votes in the affirmative 110, votes in the negative 120. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,034,454. for the Department of Public Works, of which \$300. shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$1,034,154. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,499. for the Parks budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,847. for the Recreation budget, of which \$300. shall be for out-of-state travel, \$11,978. shall be for programs for the elderly, and the balance of \$99,569. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,054 for the Community Center budget.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for the budget of the Development and Industrial Commission.

MOVED TO AMEND by appropriating the sum of \$2,025. for the budget of the Development and Industrial Commission.

MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT by adding that the Town offer an expression of support to the Commission carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED to amend the amendment by adding that the Town offer an expression of support of the Commission.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,025. for the budget of the Development and Industrial Committee and that the Town offer an expression of support to the Commission.

VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Overlay Reserve account the sum of \$100,000. for the Reserve Fund.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,250. for the Public Library budget.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,557,225. for the School Committee budget, of which \$2,300. shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance \$6,554,925. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,557,225. for the School Committee budget, of which \$2,300. shall be for out of state travel and the balance of \$6,554,925. shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,626. for the Norfolk County Retirement budget.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under the School Committee budget not carried.

VOTED: That the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 1978, was adjourned at 11:10 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, April 18, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1978.

TOWN OF SHARON

NOTICE TO VOTERS

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Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

April 12, 1978

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**April 18, 1978**

VOTED: That Mr. Amory be allowed to speak on Article 13.

ARTICLE 6. Clerk read record of Sharon Friends School Fund.

VOTED: A. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Fund as follows: Donald P. Farwell and Dwight Colburn.

B. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edward H. Talbot Fund as follows: William B. Keating, Roger Dennett, Robert F. Currie.

C. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows: Donald P. Farwell, James Dunn, Philip C. Carroll and Frederick T. Curley.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at the close of the Article under discussion at 11:00 P.M. and reconvene at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, April 20, 1978, at the High School Auditorium.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That action under Article 8 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a transfer from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Account.)

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the funds to be received in Fiscal Year July 1, 1978 thru June 30, 1979 from State Aid to Public Libraries be transferred to the Public Library Account.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,600. to continue the Adult Education Program.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000. for expenditure in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with the state or county, or both, for the expenditure of appropriated town funds in conjunction with any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$90,700. for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorize the trade-in or sale of any equipment being replaced and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$90,700. be transferred from the overlay reserve.

MOVED: That the motion of the Warrant Committee be amended by substituting the following: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$133,200. for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorize the trade-in or sale of any equipment being replaced and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$90,700. be transferred from the overlay reserve, and the balance of \$42,500. be raised on the tax levy.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously and motion to amend carried.



VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$133,200. for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorize the trade-in or sale of any equipment being replaced and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$90,700. be transferred from the overlay reserve, and the balance of \$42,500. be raised on the tax levy.

MOTION that Article 29 be considered at this time carried.

ARTICLE 29. MOTION to indefinitely postpone not carried.

ARTICLE 29. MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000. to purchase a replacement Senior Citizens' bus and authorize the application for, contracting for, and expenditure of any grants of assistance which may be available from either or both state and federal department or agencies.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000. to purchase a Replacement Senior Citizens bus and authorize the application for, contracting for, and expenditure of any grants of assistance which may be available from either or both state and federal departments or agencies.

ARTICLE 13, VOTED: That action under Article 13 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for additions and improvements to the water system.)

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$156,200. for highway and drainage construction in the following locations:

1. Roadway resurfacing of North Main Street from Post Office Square to Cobbs Corner at Bay Road;
2. Drainage construction in Bradford Avenue and in Ames Street to South Main Street;
3. Drainage construction, roadway grading and repaving in Furnace Street and Wolomolopoag Street to the Cedar Swamp culvert;

and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$150,000. under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws, the sum of \$5,300. be transferred from the Overlay Reserve, and the balance of \$900. be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That action under Article 15 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for construction of side-walks.)

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That action under Article 16 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for funding toward the County Retirement System.)

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to reimburse the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security for the actual cost of unemployment benefits paid to former town employees and chargeable to the Town, and establish a special fund for reimbursement of unemployment insurance benefits, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$10,000. be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: That action under Article 18 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for additional Police Officers.)

ARTICLE 19. MOTION to indefinitely postpone not carried.

VOTED: That four additional firefighters be authorized for the Fire Department and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000. to defray the cost of salaries and expenses involved.

ARTICLE 20. MOVED that action on this Article be indefinitely postponed not carried. Votes in the affirmative 54, votes in the negative 71. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000. to be placed in the revolving fund established pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53C of the General Laws, to compensate for work performed by a town employee on an off-duty work detail or for special detail work.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 19 not carried.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for a study of septage disposal and authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, contract for, and expend any grants of financial assistance made available from either federal or state agencies, or both, for said purpose, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$10,000. be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: That action under Article 22 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article call for the appropriation of money for police and other Town department facilities.)

ARTICLE 23. VOTED That action under Article 23 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for construction of a maintenance and repair building for the Department of Public Works on South Main Street.)

ARTICLE 24. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,000. for site preparation, drainage work and improvements required in connection with the construction of a salt storage shed funded under provisions of Section 2(a) of Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1977, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$6,000. be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 25. MOTION that action under Article 25 be indefinitely postponed, not carried.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for parking improvements and appurtenances at the Sharon railroad station.

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of April 18, 1978, was adjourned at 11:10 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Thursday, April 20, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1978.

TOWN OF SHARON

NOTICE TO VOTERS

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Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts  
April 19, 1978

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ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**April 20, 1978**

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: That action under this Article be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the conveyance of land to the First Congregational Church.)

ARTICLE 27. VOTED: That action under Article 27 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for additional funds for the Library Addition Committee.)

ARTICLE 28. VOTED That the Town rescind the vote on Article 30 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting. (This Article rescinds the authorized borrowing for land taking for water purpose.)

ARTICLE 30. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain proceedings, or otherwise acquire for highway purposes, a portion of the land owned by the Unitarian Church of Sharon to widen the corner at the intersection of Depot Street and North Main Street and adopt said widening, as laid out by the Selectmen, as part of the public way known as Depot Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. for said purposes.

ARTICLE 31. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,700. for the acquisition by the Conservation Commission of land indicated on the Town of Sharon Conservation Commission, "Plan Showing Green Areas," dated February, 1967, and as amended January, 1971, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply and contract for state or federal financial assistance.

ARTICLE 32. VOTED: That the Town approve and ratify expenditure of \$6,000. from the Conservation Fund for the acquisition from Peter E. Lyons of twenty (20) acres of land, more or less, located on the southeasterly side of Mohawk Street and easterly of the railroad.

ARTICLE 33. VOTED: That the Town approve the expenditure of \$4,700. from the Conservation Fund for the acquisition from Robert G. Morse, Jr., of eighteen (18) acres of land, more or less, located westerly of East Foxboro Street to the railroad.

ARTICLE 34. VOTED: That action under Article 34 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a conveyance of land on Wolomologoag Street.)

ARTICLE 35. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Sharon Zoning By-Law be amended as follows:

Step I. PREAMBLE

Delete the PREAMBLE in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

"PREAMBLE

It shall be the purpose of the By-Law to lessen congestion in the streets; to conserve health; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to encourage housing for persons of all income levels; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water supply, drainage, sewerage, schools, parks, open space and other public requirements; to conserve the value of



land and buildings including the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of blight and pollution of the environment; to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town, including consideration of the recommendations of the master plan, if any, of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; and to preserve and increase amenities and to restrict, prohibit, permit to regulate the uses of wetlands and lands deemed subject to seasonal or periodic flooding, the uses of bodies of water, including water courses, and the development of the natural, scenic and aesthetic qualities of the community, under the authority of Chapter 40-A, General Laws and Article 89 of the Amendments to the constitution."

## Step II. USE REGULATIONS

### A. SECTION 2. Single Residence Districts:

1. Delete clause (A)2 in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

"2Religious or educational purposes on land owned or leased by a public body, religious sect or denomination, or nonprofit educational corporation."

2. Delete clause (A)6 in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

"6 Agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture including the sale of products raised on the premises only; market garden; nurseries; greenhouses."

3. Delete clause (A)14.A. in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

"A. Playground, hospital, sanitarium, religious or educational purposes other than uses specified by (A)2 above, or other public or semi-public institution of philanthropic or charitable character, but no correctional institutions."

4. Add new subsection (A)14.L to read as follows:

"L Scientific use accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production, provided that the Board finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good."

5. Add new subsection (A)14.M to read as follows:

"M. Conversion of a single residence which was in existence on the date this zoning law became effective, March 13, 1933, into a residence for two families."

B. SECTION 5. Business Districts:

1. Delete clause (A)2 in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

“2 Municipal building, religious or educational uses, non-profit civic or religious service organization.”

2. Delete clause (A)6 in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

“6 Agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture on parcel of more than five acres.”

3. Add new clause (A)14.F to read as follows:

“F Accessory scientific use, provided that the Board of Appeals finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.”

C. SECTION 7. Nonconforming Uses of Building, Structures, and Land:

Delete in its entirety and substitute the following:

“SECTION 7. Nonconforming Uses of Structures and Land and Nonconforming Structures:

(A) Subject to the conditions hereafter set forth, any lawful use made of any structure of land, even though not conforming to the use regulations of the district in which located, or any nonconforming structures, even though not conforming to the lot area, frontage width, wet-back or structure coverage, structure height, parking or other requirements of the district in which located, lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or any building or Special Permit issued, before the first publication of notice of the public hearing of this By-Law required by General Laws Chapter 40-A, Section 5, may be continued or used until abandoned or not used for two years, or until the variance or Special Permit, if any, authorizing such use shall expire. Once changed to a conforming use or a conforming structure, no land or structure shall be permitted to revert to a nonconforming use or structure.

(B) No amendment increasing the restriction on the use of land or structures or the lot area, frontage, width, set-back or structure coverage, structure height, parking or other requirements, adopted hereafter, shall apply to structures or use lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or, except as hereinafter provided, to any building or Special Permit issued, before the first publication of notice of the

public hearing on such proposed amendment required by General Law Chapter 40-A, Section 5, but will apply to any change or substantial extension of such use, to a building or Special Permit issued after the first notice of said public hearing, to any reconstruction, extension or structural change of any structure and to any alteration of any structure begun after the first notice of said public hearing to provide for its use for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent.

(C) Paragraph (B) notwithstanding, a nonconforming single or two-family residential structure may be altered, reconstructed, extended or structurally changed, if such alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change will not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure; and all pre-existing nonconforming uses or structures, including nonconforming single or two-family residential structures (for which any proposed alteration, reconstruction, or structural change will increase the nonconforming nature of said structure), may be altered, reconstructed, extended or structurally changed: provided that, no such alteration, reconstruction, extension, or structural change shall be permitted unless there is a finding by the Board of Appeals that such alteration, reconstruction, extension, or structural change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming use of structure.

(D) The discontinuance of any nonconforming use of any land or of any nonconforming structure for more than two years shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment: provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the discontinuance or non-use of any lawful nonconforming land used for agriculture, horticulture or floriculture where such non-use has existed for less than five years.

(E) Any conforming sign legally erected prior to the adoption of this paragraph, or any amendment thereof, may be continued. Such a sign shall not be enlarged, reworded, redesigned or altered in any way unless brought into conformity. Any such sign which has been destroyed or damaged to such an extent that the cost of restoration would exceed

35% of the replacement value of the sign at the time of the destruction or damage, shall not be repaired or rebuilt or altered unless in conformity with this section.”

### Step III. BUILDING AREA REGULATIONS

#### A. SECTION 11. Business Districts:

1. Delete Section (A) in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

“(A) No building in any business district shall hereafter be located within twenty (20) feet of the boundary line of a lot in an adjoining residence district, nor closer to any lot line or to any other building on the same lot than ten (10) feet, except where two business buildings on the same or separate lots are separated by a fire wall meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code.”

### Step IV. LOT AREA REGULATIONS

#### A. SECTION 13. Single Residence District:

1. Amend subsection (B)3, 5, 6, and 9 by changing the words “common land” to read “open land”

2. Amend (B)7 by deleting it in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

“7 Such open land shall either be conveyed to the Town of Sharon and accepted by it for part or open space use, or be conveyed to a non-profit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, or be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the plan, with the selection of ownership to be approved by the Board of Appeals. If such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units. In any case where such land is not conveyed to the Town, a restriction enforceable by the Town of Sharon shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in any open or natural state and not be built upon or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway.”

### Step V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### A. SECTION 17. Outside Windows:

1. Delete SECTION 17 in its entirety.



B. SECTION 18. Definitions:

1. Delete "Common Land" in its entirety, substituting the following in place thereof:

"23. Open Land:

Open land is defined as that land in a Cluster Subdivision which is preserved under the provisions of Section 13'b)7."

Step VI. ADMINISTRATION

A. SECTION 20. Permits:

1. Add the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph:

"Furthermore, the Inspector of Buildings shall not grant a permit or license for a new use of a building, structure of land which use would be a violation of any of the provisions of this By-Law."

2. Add the following new paragraph at the end of SECTION 20:

"Conformance. Construction or operations under a Building or Special Permit shall conform to any subsequent amendment of this By-Law unless the use or construction is commenced within a period of six months after the issuance of the permit and in cases involving construction, unless such construction is continued through to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable."

B. SECTION 21. Board of Appeals:

1. Delete SECTION 21. Board of Appeals, substituting the following in place thereof:

"SECTION 21. Board of Appeals.

A. Establishment. The Board of Appeals shall consist of 3 members and 3 associate members, who shall be appointed and act in all matters under this By-Law in the manner prescribed by Chapters 40-A and 41 of the General Laws as amended.

B. Powers. The Board of Appeals shall have and exercise all the powers granted to it by Chapters 40-A, 40-B, and 41 of the General Laws and by this By-Law. The Board's powers are as follows:

1. Special Permits. To hear and decide applications for Special Permits upon which the Board is empowered to act under this By-Law.

2. Variances. To hear and decide appeals or petitions for variances from the terms of this By-Law, excluding variances for use, with respect to particular land or structures. Such variance shall be granted only in cases where the Board of Appeals finds all of the following:

(a) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this By-Law would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant.

(b) The hardship is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shapes or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located.

(C) Desirable relief may be granted without

1. substantial detriment to the public good; and
2. without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this By-Law.

If the rights authorized by a variance are not exercised within one year from the date of grant of such variance, they shall lapse, and may be reestablished only after notice and a new hearing.

3. Appeals. Other appeals will also be heard and decided by the Board of Appeals when taken by:

(a) Any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provisions of Chapter 40-A of the General Laws; or by

(b) The Metropolitan Area Planning Council; or by

(c) Any person including any officer of Board of the Town of Sharon or of any abutting town, if aggrieved by any order or decision of the Building Inspector or other administrative official, in violation of any provision of Chapter 40-A, General Laws; or this By-Law.

4. Comprehensive Permits. Comprehensive Permits for construction may be issued by the Board of Appeals for construction of low or moderate income housing by a public agency or limited dividend or

non-profit corporation, upon the Board's determination that such construction would be consistent with local needs, whether or not consistent with local zoning, building, health, or subdivision requirements, as authorized by Section 20-24, Chapter 40-B of the General Laws.

5. Withheld Building Permits. Building permits withheld by the Building Inspector acting under Section 81-Y, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as a means of enforcing the Subdivision Control Law may be issued by the Board of Appeals where the Board finds practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, and if the circumstances of the case do not require that the building be related to a way shown on the subdivision plan in question."

C. SECTION 22. Variations:

Delete in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 22. Special Permits.

A. Special Permits:

1. Unless specifically designated otherwise, the Board of Appeals shall act as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA).

2. The SPGA shall not approve any application for a Special Permit unless it finds that in its judgment all the following conditions are met:

(a) The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use, structure or condition;

(b) The use as developed will not adversely affect the neighborhood;

(c) There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians;

(d) Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.

3. In approving a Special Permit, the SPGA may consider but is not limited to the following:

(a) Requirement of street side or rear yards greater than the minimum required by this By-Law.

(b) Requirement of screening of parking areas or other parts of the premises from adjoining premises or from the street, by walls, fences, planting or other devices.

(c) Modification of the exterior features or appearances of the structure.

(d) Limitation of size, number of occupants, method of time of operation, or extent of facilities.

(e) Regulation of number, design, and location of access drives or other traffic features.

(f) Requirement of off-street parking or other special features beyond the minimum required by this or other applicable By-Law.

4. The SPGA may, after a hearing and a finding of violation of any limitations or conditions in the Special Permit or any misuse of the terms of the permit, withdraw the same after which the use shall be discontinued.

5. Special Permits shall only be issued following public hearings held within sixty-five days after filing with the SPGA an application, a copy of which shall forthwith be given to the Town Clerk by the applicant.

6. Special Permits shall expire if a substantial use thereof or construction has not begun, except for good cause, within 24 months (exclusive of time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in Section 17, Chapter 40-A, General Laws), from the grant thereof.

D. SECTION 23. Amendments:

Change "Section 6 of Chapter 40-A" to read "Section 5 of Chapter 40-A and Section 32 of Chapter 40".

E. SECTION 24.

Insert new provisions as follows:

"SECTION 24. Penalty.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Zoning By-Law, and of the conditions under which a permit is issued, or any decision rendered by the Board of Appeals shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each violation. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense."

F. SECTION 27. Site Plan Approval.

Delete subsection (A) and the title "(B) Site Plan Approval".



ARTICLE 35. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

ARTICLE 36. VOTED: That action under this Article be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a change in the Zoning By-Laws.)

ARTICLE 37. MOTION that action under Article 37 be indefinitely postponed not carried.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That Section 2(A)14 be amended by adding at the end of Clause M the following:

“N.Conversion of a dwelling or building accessory thereto or both into a building or buildings containing in the aggregate as many dwelling units as could be obtained if the dwelling and building accessory thereto, if any, were to be razed, the lot subdivided into as many lots as the zoning by-law permits and as many dwelling units as permitted by the zoning by-law were then constructed; provided that the dwelling and the building accessory thereto, if any, were in existence on the date this Zoning By-Law became effective (March 13, 1933), that off-street parking will be provided at the rate of no less than one space per one-bedroom dwelling unit and two spaces per other dwelling units, and that a permanent Preservation Restriction under Section 31-33, Chapter 184, General Laws is provided, assuring the future integrity of the building exterior and the grounds.”

ARTICLE 38. VOTED: That action under Article 38 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a change in the Zoning By-Law.)

ARTICLE 39. MOVED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

2A:

1. By inserting after Section 2 the following new Section

SECTION 2A. Professional District.

(A)In the professional districts, no new building or structure or part thereof shall be designed, constructed or used, and, except as provided in Section 7, no building or structure of part thereof shall be altered, enlarged, extended, reconstructed, or used and no premises shall be used except for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Any purposes enumerated in Section 2 subject to the conditions and procedures contained therein.

2. Subject to site plan approval under Section 27 and if authorized by permit issued by the Board of Appeals, and subject to appropriate conditions, limitations and safeguards, having in mind the general character of the neighborhood and such conditions, and safeguards shall be in writing and made a part of the permit by the Board of Appeals, the office of a doctor, dentist, lawyer, or other professional person, or of a real estate or insurance agent provided:

a. Yard requirements conform to Section 11(A) of this By-Law.

b. Building heights conform to Section 8(A) of this By-Law.

c. Signs on the premises conform in all respects to the following specifications:

1) referring only to the name of the establishment, the tenants, and the services performed therein;

2) without movement, whether in part or whole and not mounted on a mobile vehicle or structure,

3) illumination, if any, to be from a steady white light source reflecting upon the surface of the sign and not to exceed an intensity of one foot-candle, measured at a distance of four feet, with the cell of the light meter held parallel to and on the same height as the illuminated part of the sign,

4) not more than one free-standing or hanging sign or symbol or sign affixed to a building facing any street,

5) no more than six square feet nor six inches in thickness for any affixed or free-standing sign shall be used for calculating area of a free-standing sign; an additional area of two square feet is allowed for each establishment or tenant if occupying a separate and distinct area of the building or structure involved.

6) the area of a sign shall be measured as the smallest quadrangle able to enclose the entire text and symbols of the sign.

d. Parking spaces are provided as per Section 16.1 (b) of this By-Law.

3. By inserting in Section 8(A), line 7 after the words "except that" the words "in the Professional District and".

4. By amending Section 1, Establishment of Districts as follows:

- a. Delete the word "nine" and insert the word "ten" for the number of classes of districts.
- b. Insert in the listing of districts "(2A) Professional District" between (2) and (3) as presently listed.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION not carried. Votes in the affirmative 39, votes in the negative 74. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 40 MOTION: That the Town change the zone from Single Residence District A to Professional District the following described premises:

The land located at the corner of North Main Street and Washington Street numbered as 450 North Main Street in Sharon, containing 23,627 square feet and bounded as follows: North-easterly by land of Skiendiel Trust, 231.04 feet; Northwesterly by land of Edward V. and Eleanor L. Paul, 146.36 feet; Southeasterly by North Main Street and Washington Street, 275.27 feet, not carried.

ARTICLE 41. VOTED: That action under Article 41 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a change in the zoning By-Laws.)

ARTICLE 42. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase or otherwise acquire for highway purposes a portion of the land owned by Guilio Intoccia and Robert L. Delashaw, Trustees of Indel Trust, to widen the layout of the westerly side of East Foxboro Street oppsite Condor Road together with the acquisition of a sight easement over part of the remaining land of Guilio Intoccia and Robert L. Delashaw, Trustees of Indel Trust, and adopt said widening as laid out by the Selectmen, as part of East Foxboro Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) therefor.

ARTICLE 43. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain proceedings, or otherwise acquire an easement for drainage purposes in land of Clifford W. and Carolyn B. Falby from Maskwonicut Street to the railroad right-of-way, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. therefor.

ARTICLE 44. MOVED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following Act:

An Act relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages by certain clubs and veterans' organizations in the Town of Shaon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, licenses may be granted in the Town of Sharon for the sale in said town, until the end of the calendar year nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of nationally chartered fraternal corporations and veterans' organizations as defined and limited in said section twelve, notwithstanding any provisions of said section twelve to the contrary and of clubs, which are not organized for commercial purposes as defined and limited in section one of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, notwithstanding any provisions of said section one to the contrary. Said licenses shall be subject, however, to all other provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

SECTION 2. The state secretary shall cause the following question to be placed on the official ballot to be used in the Town of Sharon at the biennial state election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-eight and at each biennial state election thereafter until the voters of said town have voted in the affirmative three consecutive times or in the negative three consecutive times:

"Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Sharon for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages by clubs and war veterans' organizations?"

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If a majority of the votes cast in said town in answer to said question is in the affirmative, said town shall be taken to have authorized, for the two calendar years next succeeding, the sale in said town of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of nationally chartered fraternal corporations and veterans' organizations as defined and limited in section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, notwithstanding any provisions of said section twelve to the contrary, and of clubs which are not organized for commercial purposes as defined and limited in section one of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, notwithstanding any provisions of said section one to the contrary.

Said licenses shall be subject, however, to all other provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously



VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following Act:

An Act relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages by certain clubs and veterans' organizations in the Town of Sharon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

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"Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Sharon for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages by clubs and war veterans' organizations?"

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If a majority of the votes cast in said town in answer to said question is in the affirmative, said town shall be taken to have authorized, for the two calendar years next succeeding, the sale in said town of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of nationally chartered fraternal corporations and veterans' organizations as defined and limited in section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, notwithstanding any provisions of said section twelve to the contrary, and of clubs which are not organized for commercial purposes as defined and limited in section one of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, notwithstanding any provisions of said section one to the contrary. Said licenses

shall be subject, however, to all other provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 46 VOTED: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way Pleasant Park Circle northeasterly from Pleasant Park Road a distance of 325 feet, more or less, to the terminus as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. for legal expenses and recording fees.

ARTICLE 47. VOTED: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way Circle Way southerly from Arboro Drive a distance of 435 feet, more or less, to the terminus as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. for legal and recording fees.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 44 not carried.

ARTICLE 48. VOTED: That action under Article 48 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a rate increase retroactive to 1975 pursuant to Chapter 776 of Acts of 1972.)

VOTED: That this Annual Town Meeting be officially dissolved at 9:45 P.M. April 20, 1978.

Attest: Arthur E. Collins, Town Clerk  
Sharon, Massachusetts

# SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS, TOWN MEETING

April 10, 1978

## RECAPITULATION

ARTICLE	APPROPRIATION	FREE CASH (E. & D.)	OVERLAY RESERVE	REVENUE		BORROWING
				SHARING		
5	10,719,239.00		100,000.00	225,000.00		
10 (Adult Ed.)						
11 (Rd. Constr.)	14,600.00					
12 (Dozer, Truck, Sweeper)	13,000.00					
14 (Highway Drainage)	42,500.00		90,700.00			
17 (Unemployed Security)		900.00	5,300.00			150,000.00
19 (4 Fireman)	53,000.00	10,000.00				
20 (Revolving Fund)	4,000.00					
21 (Septic)						
24 (Salt Shed)		10,000.00				
25 (Parking Lot)	5,000.00	6,000.00				
29 (Senior Bus)	16,000.00					
30 (P.O. Square)	2,000.00					
31 (Conservation)	10,700.00					
42 "	1.00					
43 (Falby Land)	1,500.00					
46 (Pleasant Park)	200.00					
47 (Circle Way)	200.00					
TOTAL	\$10,881,940.00	\$26,900.00	196,000.00	\$225,000.00		150,000.00

# STATE PRIMARY

September 19, 1978

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of August 24, 1978, the polls were declared open at 8:00 A.M. Call and return of the Warrant was read by Warden Katherine P. Neault. Ballot boxes were shown to be empty, registering zero, boxes locked and keys delivered to Police Officer of the Day, James Testa. The election officers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M., the polls were declared closed. Total voters: Precinct 1 - Republicans, 272; Democrats, 666; Total, 938. Precinct 2 - Republicans, 183; Democrats, 640; Total, 823. Precinct 3 - Republicans, 194; Democrats, 752; American, 1; Total, 947. Precinct 4 - Republicans, 197; Democrats, 588; Total, 785. Grand Totals: Republicans, 846; Democrats, 2646; American, 1. Total vote, 3493. The ballots were canvassed according to law. Results were transcribed on tally sheets and declaration made by Scott Laurie and Harold Jackson at 10:50 P.M. as follows:

## REPUBLICANS

PRECINCT NUMBERS:	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Edward W. Brooke	130	81	95	115	421
Avi Nelson	124	90	92	75	381
Blanks	18	12	7	7	44
GOVERNOR					
Francis W. Hatch, Jr.	130	69	75	104	378
Edward F. King	94	79	77	70	320
Blanks	48	35	42	23	148
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
William I. Cowin	127	81	70	94	372
Peter L. McDowell	51	39	39	59	188
Blanks	94	63	85	44	286
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
William F. Weld	157	88	94	130	469
Blanks	115	95	100	67	377
SECRETARY					
John W. Sears	166	95	105	136	502
Blanks	106	88	89	61	344
TREASURER					
Lewis S. W. Crampton	147	87	89	123	446
Blanks	125	96	105	74	400
AUDITOR					
William A. Casey	166	98	83	131	478
Blanks	106	85	111	66	368
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Margaret M. Heckler	213	131	139	155	638
Blanks	59	52	55	42	208



COUNCILLOR					
Blanks	272	183	194	197	846
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
Seymour L. Vincent	165	94	97	125	481
Blanks	107	89	97	72	365
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Mamie C. Gray	146	78	75	113	412
Blanks	126	105	119	84	434
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Blanks	272	183	194	197	846
REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY					
Blanks	272	183	194	197	846
COUNTY COMMISSIONER					
Blanks	272	183	194	197	846
COUNTY TREASURER					
Blanks	272	183	194	197	846
	TOTAL REPUBLICAN BALLOTS:				
	272	183	194	197	846

#### DEMOCRATS

PRECINCT NUMBERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Kathleen Sullivan Alioto	86	76	102	55	319
Paul Guzzi	167	143	154	145	609
Elaine Noble	43	48	66	33	190
Howard Phillips	23	14	27	23	87
Paul E. Tsongas	256	285	332	251	1124
Blanks	91	74	71	81	317
GOVERNOR					
Michael S. Dukakis	377	375	420	328	1500
Barbara Ackermann	27	35	34	24	120
Edward J. King	195	168	238	183	784
Blanks	67	62	60	53	242
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Thomas P. O'Neill, III	420	413	503	375	1711
Blanks	246	227	249	213	935
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Francis X. Bellotti	415	405	470	367	1657
Blanks	251	235	282	221	989
SECRETARY					
Michael Joseph Connolly	104	67	105	89	365
David E. Crosby	81	91	95	77	344
John Fulham	9	8	8	13	38
William J. Galvin, Jr.	23	21	26	32	102
Lois G. Pines	258	305	306	213	1082
Anthony J. Vigliotti	20	12	34	20	86
Blanks	141	110	130	106	487

# TREASURER

Robert Q. Crane	234	206	236	198	874
Lawrence E. Blacke	12	10	12	10	44
Paul R. Cacchiotti	6	7	13	10	36
Lawrence S. DiCara	206	216	276	198	896
Thomas D. Lopes	12	15	17	12	56
Dayce Philip Moore	34	36	31	32	133
Blanks	162	150	167	128	607

# AUDITOR

Thaddeus Buczko	287	270	319	266	1142
Peter G. Meade	227	235	263	202	927
Blanks	152	135	170	120	577

# REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

David Kelley	194	167	246	195	802
John J. Marino	269	267	285	232	1053
Blanks	203	206	221	161	791

# COUNCILLOR

George F. Cronin, Jr.	216	199	234	192	841
Thomas Joseph Donovan	209	195	273	194	871
Blanks	241	246	245	202	934

# SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Joseph F. Timilty	380	301	437	335	1453
Daniel P. Connors	28	6	20	14	68
Paul M. Goulston	182	279	222	176	859
Carlton A. Holland	9	3	8	4	24
Blanks	67	51	65	59	242

# REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William R. Keating	594	587	668	519	2368
Richard T. Murphy	34	18	44	46	142
Blanks	38	35	40	23	136

# DISTRICT ATTORNEY

William D. Delahunt	436	400	503	402	1741
Blanks	230	240	249	186	905

# REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Paul C. Gay	368	347	427	334	1476
Thomas Patrick Hughes	110	88	132	96	426
Blanks	188	205	193	158	744

# COUNTY COMMISSIONER

David C. Ahearn	280	250	327	257	1114
Harold Davis	46	65	52	25	188
Thomas F. Egan	31	35	28	30	124
Edmund P. Harrington	27	18	31	24	100
Paul J. Hartnett, Jr.	43	36	51	35	165
Francis W. O'Brien	41	39	49	45	174
Blanks	198	197	214	172	781

COUNTY TREASURER					
James M. Collins	311	191	357	309	1168
Norman B. Cohen	221	350	269	196	1036
Blanks	134	99	126	83	442
TOTAL DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS:	666	640	752	588	2646

	AMERICAN PARTY				
PRECINCT NUMBERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Blanks			1		1
GOVERNOR					
Blanks			1		1
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Blanks			1		1
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Blanks			1		1
SECRETARY					
Blanks			1		1
TREASURER					
Blanks			1		1
AUDITOR					
BLANKS			1		1
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Blanks			1		1
COUNCILLOR					
Blanks			1		1
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
Blanks			1		1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Blanks			1		1
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Blanks			1		1
REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY					
Blanks			1		1
COUNTY COMMISSIONER					
Blanks			1		1
COUNTY TREASURER					
Blanks			1		1
TOTAL AMERICAN PARTY					
Blanks			1		1

# STATE ELECTION

November 7, 1978

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of October 25, 1978, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 8 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, November 7, 1978. The meeting was called to order by Katherine P. Neault, Warden, who also read the call and return of the Warrant. Reading of the remainder of the Warrant was waived by unanimous consent. Ballot boxes were shown to be empty, registering zero, boxes locked and keys delivered to James Testa, Police Officer of the day. The election officers were sworn.

At 8 o'clock p.m. the polls were declared closed and 175 absentee ballots were voted. Total votes: Precinct 1 - 1472; Precinct 2 - 1492; Precinct 3 - 1629; Precinct 4 - 1408; Total Vote - 6001. The ballots were canvasses according to law by an electronic vote-counting machine, results transcribed on tally sheets and declaration made by Harold Jackson at 12:45 a.m. as follows:

PRECINCT NUMBERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Edward W. Brooke	784	759	724	696	2963
Paul E. Tsongas	616	691	837	661	2805
Blanks	72	42	68	51	233
GOVERNOR-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Hatch and Cowin	907	933	904	837	3581
King and O'Neill	461	464	596	491	2012
Blanks	104	95	129	80	408
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Francis X. Bellotti	1071	1192	1291	1052	4606
William F. Weld	301	213	208	273	995
Blanks	100	87	130	83	400
SECRETARY					
Michael Joseph Connolly	645	701	847	656	2849
John W. Sears	639	614	556	597	2406
Blanks	188	177	226	155	746

TREASURER					
Robert Q. Crane	710	782	860	705	3057
Lewis S. W. Crampton	569	544	522	559	2194
Blanks	193	166	247	144	750
AUDITOR					
Thaddeus Buczko	779	892	941	771	3383
Timothy F. O'Brien	467	405	396	452	1720
Blanks	226	195	292	185	898
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Margaret M. Heckler	818	882	762	717	3179
John J. Marino	517	504	695	578	2294
Blanks	137	106	172	113	528
COUNCILLOR					
George F. Cronin, Jr.	790	869	903	798	3360
Frank J. Guaragna	232	244	256	264	996
Blanks	450	379	470	346	1645
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
Joseph F. Timilty	790	753	1033	815	3391
Seymour L. Vincent	376	329	362	422	1489
Blanks	306	410	234	171	1121
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
William R. Keating	1182	1282	1342	1161	4967
Mamie C. Gray	159	106	115	120	500
Blanks	131	104	172	127	534
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
William D. Delahunt	1016	1073	1163	1025	4277
Blanks	456	419	466	383	1724
REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY					
Thomas Patrick Hughes	919	975	1057	934	3885
Blanks	553	517	572	474	2116
COUNTY COMMISSIONER					
David C. Ahearn	940	981	1068	951	3940
Blanks	532	511	561	457	2061
COUNTY TREASURER					
James M. Collins	909	960	1067	929	3865
Blanks	563	532	562	479	2136
PRECINCT NUMBERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL



## QUESTION NUMBER 1

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on May 28, 1975, by a vote of 220-53, and on September 7, 1977, by a vote of 243-20?

(Classification of real property for tax purposes.)

YES	886	876	1020	840	3622
NO	513	595	575	548	2231
BLANKS	73	21	34	20	148

## QUESTION NUMBER 2

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on May 28, 1975, by a vote of 267-3, and on August 10, 1977, by a vote of 250-1?

(New governor may submit a proposed budget within 8 weeks of the beginning of the legislative session.)

YES	989	1085	1143	967	4184
NO	256	287	326	321	1190
BLANKS	227	120	160	120	627

## QUESTION NUMBER 3

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on June 26, 1976, by a vote of 244-6, and on August 10, 1977, by a vote of 253-1?

(Information to Voter booklet may be sent to each household rather than to every registered voter.)

YES	959	1035	1123	962	4079
NO	314	346	357	324	1341
BLANKS	199	111	149	122	581

QUESTION NUMBER 4  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on May 26, 1976, by a vote of 266-0, and on August 10, 1977, by a vote of 258-0?

(State census residence shall be determined in accordance with the federal census standards.)

YES	875	970	1025	865	3735
NO	340	340	406	397	1483
BLANKS	257	182	198	146	783

QUESTION NUMBER 5  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on May 26, 1976, by a vote of 260-1, and on August 10, 1977, by a vote of 255-0?

(Local charter commission may prepare a charter 18 months after its election.)

YES	609	653	679	607	2548
NO	521	598	661	586	2366
BLANKS	342	241	289	215	1087

QUESTION NUMBER 6  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on June 11, 1975, by a vote of 175-73, and on September 7, 1977, by a vote of 173-90?

(A student can neither be assigned to nor denied admittance to a public school on the basis of race, color, national origin or creed.)

YES	878	992	1073	903	3846
NO	381	385	415	387	1568
BLANKS	213	115	141	118	587

QUESTION NUMBER 7  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 11, 1976, by a vote of 248-5, and on May 24, 1978 by a vote of 257-0?

(Establish a different method of property taxation for land which is used for recreational purposes and for land preserved in its natural state.)

YES	826	896	962	840	3524
NO	404	459	504	431	1798
BLANKS	242	137	163	137	679

QUESTION NUMBER 8

E. Shall Licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons?

YES	676	733	862	680	2951
NO	634	679	649	640	2602
BLANKS	162	80	118	88	448

QUESTION NUMBER 9  
THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING

"Shall the Senator from this District be instructed to vote to approve the passage of a bill requiring the reduction and limitation of local property taxes by substituting revenue from state taxes, and providing that all state and local taxes combined shall not take a larger percentage of the total personal income in Massachusetts than the average percentage taken in the three year period immediately preceding approval?"

YES	938	1104	1163	979	4184
NO	182	161	201	180	724
BLANKS	352	227	265	249	1093

# ACCOUNTANT

ARTHUR E. COLLINS, TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
Katherine P. Neault, Assistant Town Accountant  
Joan M. Leary, Secretary  
Lois D. Dowd, Secretary

A report of receipts and expenditures for the twelve month period ending June 30, 1978, with the statement of the Town's outstanding indebtedness.

## GENERAL REVENUE (July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978)

### TAXES

Motor Vehicles	690,107.62	
Personal Property	347,048.24	
Real Estate	7,533,662.43	
Taxes in Litigation	9,224.52	
Farm Escise	40.93	
Tax Title	<u>134,016.85</u>	
TOTAL TAXES		8,714,100.59

### STATE

Income Taxes, Business Taxes		
Machinery, Lottery, etc.		1,133,323.23

FEDERAL-REVENUE SHARING	203,742.00	
ANTI RECESSION	3,627.00	

### LICENSES

Hawkers		158.00
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### EDUCATION

*School Construction	103,700.54
*School Lunch (State)	15,606.00
Athletic	5,155.66
*Metco	120,545.00
*Project Look	4,985.00
*Low Family ESEA	27,675.00
*Transportation	78,296.00
*Adult Education	4,615.25
Driver Education	7,150.00
Summer School	16,879.00
Vocational Tuitions	1,434.00

School Rental	6,201.39	
Other	14,186.86	
*National Defense	<u>7,712.05</u>	
TOTAL EDUCATION		414,141.75
 LIBRARY		
Fines	3,355.65	
Lost Books	502.87	
State Aid	5,097.00	
County	<u>1,668.58</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY		10,624.10
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen	393.57	
Treasurer	7,838.67	
Town Clerk	2,308.10	
Board of Appeals	1,594.50	
Planning Board	7,280.10	
Police	10,349.86	
Ambulance	9,468.52	
Engineering	472.00	
Conservation	125.00	
Sealer of Weights	83.70	
Building Inspector	19,310.35	
Rental of Sacred Heart	5,500.00	
Recycle	1,389.01	
Sale of Glass	741.00	
Health	27,254.93	
 PUBLIC WORKS		
Road Machinery	752.00	
Street Betterments	16.06	
*Chapter 90 State Aid	77,257.34	
*Chapter 90 County Aid	22,725.77	
*State Aid to Highways	312.00	
 WELFARE		
*Veterans Reimbursements	3,214.00	
 RECREATION	22,668.10	
 BICENTENNIAL BOOKS	672.56	
 PUBLIC WATER SERVICE		
Water Rates	254,769.27	
Betterments	877.00	
Liens	21,790.92	
Other	7,550.38	



INTEREST		
On Deposit	38,728.22	
Deferred Taxes	25,414.73	
Betterments	360.57	
Griffith Fund	13.09	
School Funds	869.52	
Library Funds	479.03	
Cemetery Funds	250.52	
Tax Title	25,197.58	
Interest of Premiums	<u>2,538.47</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		600,566.44
REVENUE INVESTMENT, TRANSFERS, AND BORROWINGS		
Temporary Borrowing	1,885,000.00	
Water Systems Improvement	<u>6,843.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE INVESTMENT, TRANS- FERS, AND BORROWING		1,891,843.00
AGENCY & TRUST		
State Taxes Withheld	315,321.70	
County (Retirement)	106,197.49	
Federal Taxes Withheld	1,036,321.57	
Blue Cross	183,903.83	
Group Insurance	4,851.05	
Teachers Insurance	10,996.90	
Mass. Teachers Retirement	203,718.22	
Teachers Annuities	143,251.83	
Teachers Association	22,531.00	
Mass. Teachers Credit Union	77,620.00	
Custodial Dues	1,912.00	
Police Union	1,005.00	
Optional Insurance	5,338.50	
Dog and Game	7,758.95	
Sale of Dogs	42.00	
D.P.W. Dues	2,728.00	
Cafeteria Dues	2,086.50	
Police Surcharge	2,258.46	
Police Off Duty	38,668.03	
School Off Duty	<u>6,958.34</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY & TRUST		2,173,469.37
REFUNDS		
General Departments	26,341.90	
School	<u>4,936.38</u>	
TOTAL REFUNDS		31,278.28

**EXPENDITURES**  
**(July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978)**

TOWN MODERATOR - - -Salary	60.00	60.00
SELECTMEN		
Selectmen - -Salaries and Wages	41,080.59	
Selectmen- -Salaries	1,300.00	
Longevity	250.00	
Advertising	86.70	
Car Allowance	750.00	
Travel in State	125.50	
Dues and Subscriptions	1,106.00	
Telephone	627.10	
Printing	63.58	
Equipment Maintenance	75.70	
N.C.R.	1,706.46	
Law	183.50	
Supplies	740.42	
TOTAL SELECTMEN		48,095.55
ACCOUNTANT		
Salaries and Wages	29,767.78	
Longevity	200.00	
Earned Time	342.85	
Meetings	150.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	2.00	
Equipment Maintenance	170.50	
Binding	50.00	
Supplies	385.87	
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT		31,069.00
TREASURER		
Treasurer's Salary	21,000.00	
Clerical	51,892.49	
Longevity	400.00	
Earned Time	832.49	
Travel in State	350.00	
Travel out State	150.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	69.00	
Postage	6,500.00	
Telephone	1,589.03	
Printing	4,874.87	
Equipment Maintenance	1,052.47	
Legal Services	179.00	
Certifying Notes	190.00	
Supplies	771.14	

Bonds	1,444.00	
Tax Titles	3,969.05	
Additional Equipment	700.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>138.00</u>	
TOTAL TREASURER		96,101.54

ASSESSORS		
Salaries and Wages	6,199.92	
Clerical	23,701.93	
Longevity	300.00	
Travel in State	1,031.06	
Dues and Subscriptions	136.00	
Postage	374.28	
Telephone	443.35	
Printing and Binding	222.00	
Equipment Maintenance	257.05	
Contracted Services	27.50	
Legal	1,621.45	
Maps Prints	129.22	
Abstracts	319.25	
Supplies	406.57	
Computer Service	2,800.00	
Lien Recording Fee	<u>59.75</u>	
TOTAL ASSESSORS		38,029.33

WARRANT COMMITTEE	585.85	585.85
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TOWN CLERK		
Town Clerk	9,876.00	
Clerical	17,017.96	
Longevity	100.00	
Advertising	85.50	
Travel in State	150.00	
Travel out State	75.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	67.00	
Postage	540.61	
Telephone	1,717.81	
Printing	220.67	
Equipment Maintenance	200.26	
Contracted Services	247.68	
Supplies	492.18	
Bond	<u>20.00</u>	
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		30,810.67

LAW		
Counsel	14,930.00	
Special Counsel	2,312.00	
Law Expenses	<u>1,715.27</u>	
TOTAL LAW		18,957.27
ENGINEERING		
Salaries and Wages	59,426.60	
Longevity	200.00	
Earned Time	832.40	
Car Allowance	975.00	
Travel in State	104.34	
Dues and Subscriptions	248.00	
Telephone	1,247.68	
Equipment Maintenance	838.69	
Plans and Publications	235.79	
Supplies	548.03	
Draft and Surveying Supplies	987.71	
New Equipment	<u>479.58</u>	
total engineering		66,123.82
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS		
Salaries and Wages	18,115.67	
Registrars	600.00	
Meetings	50.00	
Postage	3,902.97	
Printing	5,495.49	
Equipment Contract	1,000.00	
P.A. Systems	871.00	
Supplies	<u>218.00</u>	
TOTAL ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS		30,253.73
PLANNING BOARD		
Clericla	1,698.64	
Advertising	357.52	
Travel-Meetings	66.80	
Dues and Subscriptions	211.20	
Postage	512.75	
Printing	1,074.68	
Legal Consultant	12,220.17	
Supplies	<u>69.51</u>	
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		16,211.27
PERSONNEL BOARD		469.05
BOARD OF APPEALS		2,190.00

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### POLICE

#### ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	500,162.16
Longevity	3,050.00
Earned Time	8,086.18
Training	20,089.47
Car Allowance	1,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	316.70
Telephone and Teletype	4,938.61
Cruiser, and Boat Maintenance	8,800.16
Radio Maintenance	804.17
Uniforms	5,763.61
Supplies	1,967.45
Public Safety Supplies	4,677.50
Replacement Equipment	14,105.50
Travel in State	135.64

#### TOTAL POLICE

573,897.15

### FIRE

#### ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	277,469.72
Longevity	1,600.00
Earned Time	15,154.68
Advertising	123.48
Travel in State	150.00
Travel out State	41.63
Dues and Subscriptions	245.98
Telephone	1,080.03
Apparatus Maintenance	2,121.66
Radio Maintenance	648.38
Laundry	167.52
Uniforms	3,367.09
Building Supplies	1,084.83
Office Supplies	491.72
Alarm Supplies	1,506.92
Food	287.69
Public Safety Supplies	325.31
Replacement Equipment	3,349.14
Additional Equipment	1,942.49

#### TOTAL FIRE

311,158.27

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Salaries and Wages	15,234.05
Plumbing, Gas and Electric Inspections	8,275.00



Longevity	150.00	
Earned Time	350.21	
Car Allowance	850.00	
Travel in State	155.02	
Dues and Subscriptions	192.50	
Services Publications	33.60	
Postage and Supplies	<u>355.93</u>	
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR		25,596.31

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Salary	968.00
Expenses	<u>160.00</u>

TOTAL SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES	1,128.00
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#### DOG OFFICER

Salaries and Wages	8,213.00
Expenses	<u>2,397.00</u>

TOTAL DOG OFFICER	10,610.00
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#### CIVIL DEFENSE

Travel in State	392.86
Telephone	

Telephone	967.03
Communication Repair	2,589.48
Supplies	12,613.41
Additional Equipment	<u>150.00</u>

TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE	16,712.78
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#### AMBULANCE

Salaries and Wages	12,726.88
Expenses	<u>1,454.03</u>

TOTAL AMBULANCE	14,180.91
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#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Salaries and Wages	28,514.11
Longevity	100.00
Advertising	351.67
Travel in State	143.40

Dues and Subscriptions	329.10	
Telephone	635.56	
Printing	376.62	
Equipment, Car Maintenance	170.80	
Garbage Contract	32,191.84	
Laboratory Services	2,650.00	
Supervision	1,908.50	
Special Services	38,310.66	
Medical Supplies	653.56	
Office Supplies	<u>161.80</u>	
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH		106,497.62
ANIMAL INSPECTOR		1,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		
ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries and Wages	543,572.94	
Longevity	3,750.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	896.50	
Travel in State	703.95	
Travel out of State	300.00	
Postage	1,393.78	
Telephone	6,199.21	
Printing Maps and Plans	744.03	
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	5,728.65	
Uniforms	8,056.60	
Office and Medical Supplies	1,089.52	
New Equipment	<u>905.00</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		572,435.18
WATER		
Electricity	51,285.45	
Purchased Water	742.30	
Equipment Telemeter Maintenance	11,594.54	
Equipment Rental	788.74	
Consult. Lab. Tests	6,069.80	
Water Chemicals	4,883.63	
Clothing, Boots, and Food	41.03	
Construction Materials and Tools	10,520.79	
Meter Parts	10,956.72	
Licenses	203.00	
Replacement	<u>1,733.46</u>	
TOTAL WATER		98,819.46

FORESTRY		
Equipment Rental	8,100.00	
Materials and Supplies	1,321.91	
Equipment Replacement	578.15	
Pest Control	11,746.50	
Insect Matls. & Equip. Parts	<u>2,943.08</u>	
TOTAL FORESTRY		24,689.64
DUTCH ELM		
Equip., Rental, & Parts	4,379.66	
Spray, Chemicals	<u>1,249.25</u>	
TOTAL DUTCH ELM		5,628.91
DISPOSAL		
Town Disposal Rubbish Co.	21,542.00	
Matls., Supplies, & Equip. Rental	<u>1,219.32</u>	
TOTAL DISPOSAL		22,761.32
HIGHWAY MAINT.		
Equip. Rental, Contract Services	80.00	
Materials & Supplies	31,240.94	
Bituminous Concrete & Asphalt	<u>68,866.09</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINT.		100,187.03
SNOW & ICE		
Snow Equip. Rental	55,975.96	
Snow Ice Weather Service	725.00	
Materials & Supplies	6,983.23	
Salt & Sand	28,401.82	
Motor Vehicle & Equip. Parts	34,731.07	
Replacement Equip.	<u>2,925.20</u>	
TOTAL SNOW & ICE		129,742.28
TRAFFIC CONTROL		
Traffic Control Signals	11,056.70	
Construction Materials	<u>2,544.21</u>	
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL		13,600.91

## SIDEWALKS

Construction Materials	63.89
Bituminous Concrete	<u>94.08</u>

TOTAL SIDEWALKS	157.97
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## CEMETERIES

Contractual Services	2,035.00
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TOTAL CEMETERIES	2,035.00
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## ROAD MACHINERY

Motor Vehicle Equip. Radio Maint.	2,418.49
Parts, Tires, Tools, & Brooms	34,111.91
Replacement Equip.	<u>1,971.62</u>

TOTAL ROAD MACHINERY	38,502.02
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## TOWN BUILDINGS

Electricity	11,070.39
Maint. & Clock	7,074.09
Contractual Services	8,029.85
Materials & Supplies	4,025.15
Building Fuel	13,506.93
Replacement Equip.	<u>6,037.70</u>

TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS	49,744.11
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,058,303.83
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## PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL ARTICLES

Highway Equip. 1977	54,285.00
State & County Highway 1976	9,794.29
Hiwy. Imprv. Town Roads 1974	35,589.03
Hiwy. Imprv. Town Roads 1975	43,200.00
State Aid to Town Roads	13,200.00
Massapoag Ave. Construction	38,965.47
North Main St. 1975	1,909.25
Town Mapping 1976	18,375.00
Beaver Brook Rd., Pheasantwood Rd., and Huckleberry Lane	36,594.06

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL ARTICLES	251,912.10
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## STREET LIGHTS

Boston Edison	115,199.74
Brockton Edison	557.83
Skating Rink, & Holiday Lights	225.54
Blinkers	1,710.77
New & Replacements	<u>11,314.87</u>

TOTAL STREET LIGHTS 129,008.74

## SACRED HEART BUILDING

Labor	12,052.93
Telephone	380.34
Building Maintenance	2,710.91
Material & Supplies	629.30
Fuel	5,467.02
Electricity	<u>2,965.21</u>

TOTAL SACRED HEART BUILDING 24,205.71

## HIGH STREET SCHOOL BUILDING

Labor	1,053.41
Electricity	975.41
Building Maintenance	908.93
Materials & Supplies	106.40
Fuel	<u>4,083.02</u>

TOTAL HIGH STREET SCHOOL BUILDING 7,127.17

## VETERANS

Salary	4,922.00
Expenses	575.15
Cash Benefits	<u>12,466.39</u>

TOTAL VETERANS 17,963.54

## EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: (See School Report for Details)	6,124,791.41
VOCATIONAL TUITION	148.25
SCHOOL LUNCH	185,617.70
REGIONAL SCHOOL	110,709.00
ATHLETIC FUND	5,957.59
REPAIR TO EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	256,816.03
REPAIR TO HIGH SCHOOL ROOF	168,513.55
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,117.95
LOW INCOME FAMILY TITLE I E.S.E.A.	25,012.56
ADULT EDUCATION	14,161.76



SPECIAL EDUCATION (Chapter 766)	161.70
E.S.E.A. TITLE II LIBRARY	5,300.02
PROJECT LOOK	4,423.71
SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	3,397.82
TITLE IV LIBRARY	6,119.01
NATIONAL DEFENSE	31.25
METCO	94,094.14
TOTAL EDUCATION	7,006,553.45

#### LIBRARY

Salaries & Wages	93,222.99	
Travel in State	121.63	
Dues & Subscriptions	194.00	
Postage	174.31	
Telephone	1,011.87	
Electricity	3,024.50	
Ground Maintenance	802.04	
L.S.C.A.	1,798.02	
Equipment Rental	417.00	
Books	27,865.81	
Periodicals	1,612.64	
Lost Books	299.59	
Fuel	1,418.04	
Supplies	2,432.99	
Additional Equipment	525.74	
TOTAL LIBRARY		134,921.17

#### RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

##### PARKS

Salaries & Wages	34,018.90	
Advertising	78.91	
Telephone	353.27	
Electricity	564.18	
Equipment Maintenance	4,678.33	
Building Maintenance	473.96	
Equipment Rental	145.00	
Toilet Rental	360.00	
Tags & Stickers	1,261.50	
Materials & Supplies	1,565.45	
Medical Supplies	514.99	
Recreational Supplies	990.85	
Replacement Equipment	721.60	
Additional Equipment	623.06	
TOTAL PARKS		46,350.00

## RECREATION

Salaries & Wages	72,059.48	
Longevity	300.00	
Earned Time	1,303.05	
Advertising	401.82	
Car Allowance	890.55	
Travel in State	468.00	
Travel out State	300.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	128.50	
Postage	756.40	
Telephone	2,179.78	
Electricity	94.60	
Printing	1,008.91	
Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	1,207.51	
Bus Transportation	1,093.00	
Special Events	1,366.35	
Committee Expenses	123.75	
Summer Program Supplies	1,939.29	
Medical Supplies	7.31	
Office Supplies	972.77	
Material & Supplies	5,879.88	
New Equipment	<u>5,749.00</u>	
TOTAL RECREATION		98,229.95

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Driver	8,467.20	
Transportation	837.50	
Special Events	740.38	
Materials & Supplies	<u>104.92</u>	
TOTAL SENIOR CITIZENS		10,150.00

## COMMUNITY CENTER

Salaries & Wages	11,658.58	
Earned Time	286.36	
Electricity	2,609.95	
Maintenance	2,375.91	
Construction Materials	479.96	
Fuel	6,082.99	
Janitorial Supplies	2,489.31	
Additional Equipment	<u>1,262.30</u>	
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER		27,245.36
TOWN REPORTS		5,802.67

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Memorial Day	512.40
July 4th	5,359.93
County Fair	<u>947.67</u>

TOTAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS 6,820.00

## RECREATION SACRED HEART ACQUISITION LAND PROPERTY 1974

111.30

## RECREATION FACILITIES—DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK 1977

98,279.60

## INSURANCE

Worksmens Compensation	38,985.00
Accident, Police and Fire	2,997.75
Automobile	27,989.00
Comprehensive	61,611.36
Group Life	4,845.27
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	176,593.04
Insurance Val. Appraisal of BI	<u>2,535.75</u>

TOTAL INSURANCE 315,557.17

## GASOLINE

Gas & Diesel	49,790.89
Oil & Lubricants Fuel	3,770.12
Taxes, Licenses, & Advertising	1,043.34
New Equipment	<u>2,800.08</u>

TOTAL GASOLINE 57,404.43

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL MOUNTAIN ST. 1974 5.00

## CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	285.00
Conservation Land	<u>6,730.75</u>

TOTAL CONSERVATION 7,015.75

INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 286.47

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Expenses	620.00
State Grant-Council for the aging (Mailing of New Letters)	<u>276.25</u>

TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING 896.25

## WATER

North Main St. Water	148,370.01
Pumping Equipment	19,668.19
Repairing Standpipes 1975-76	2,045.00
East Foxboro St. Well	<u>2,141.25</u>

TOTAL WATER 172,224.45

VETERANS GRAVES 348.75

INTEREST 134,819.33

DEBT, MATURING & FEDERAL GRANT 1,866,000.00

## AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

Temporary Borrowing	1,885,000.00
State Audit System	227.79
Air Pollution	923.61
State Parks	53,688.82
M.B.T.A.	189,322.29
State Motor Vehicle Billing	1,466.70
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	1,942.37
County Tax	244,808.85
County Hospital	13,018.92
County Mosquito Control Project	15,233.00
Fish & Game	3,400.00
Dogs	4,392.10
Sale of Dogs	42.00
Federal Taxes	1,036,321.57
State Taxes	351,321.70
Employees Insurance	4,894.69
Employees Retirement	116,301.22
Teachers Insurance	12,376.41
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	182,015.94
Teachers Annuity	154,059.07
Teachers Dues	26,297.90
Custodian Dues	784.00
Cafeteria Dues	378.75
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	203,632.22

Employees Optional Insurance	5,567.00	
Highway Dues	1,080.00	
Police Association Dues	1,005.00	
Massachusetts Teachers Association		
Credit Union	74,197.50	
Library Funds	<u>678.15</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST, & INVESTMENT		4,584,377.57
REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		
Personal Taxes	381.96	
Real Estate Taxes	18,939.31	
Motor Vehicle Excise	15,022.70	
Water Rates	549.77	
Accounts Receivable	246.60	
Estimated Income	696.91	
Farm Animals	<u>40.93</u>	
TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		35,878.18



# TOWN OF SHARON

Balance of Accounts June 30, 1978

Cash	\$ 1,966,016.46	
Revenue Sharing Cash Account	118,971.04	
Revenue Sharing Public Law	106,028.96	
Taxes Personal 1973	35.20	
Taxes Personal 1974	6.60	
Taxes Personal 1975	15.00	
Taxes Personal 1976	357.01	
Taxes Personal 1977	223.60	
Taxes Personal 1978	2,156.30	
Taxes Real Estate 1977	777.40	
Taxes Real Estate 1978	198,613.30	
Chapter 60, Section 95, Bankruptcy Claim N.Y., N.H., & L.I.R.R.	3,018.08	
Taxes Real Estate 1976 Deferred, Chapter 41A	3,213.00	
Taxes Real Estate 1977 Deferred, Chapter 41	2,771.60	
Taxes Reserved for Collections	\$	18,741.70
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	1.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1973	20,063.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1974	18,244.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1975	23,810.33	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1976	28,787.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1977	101,127.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1978	113,643.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Reserve		305,226.28
Tax Title	162,303.03	
Tax Title Possessions	16,107.67	
Tax Title Foreclosure Account		313.36
Tax Title Reserve		178,410.70
Water Rates	40,709.92	
Water Liens Added to Taxes	542.17	
Water Revenue		41,232.09
School Department Accounts		
Receivable	2,373.18	
Ambulance Accounts Receivable	6,645.48	
Police Work Detail Accounts		
Receivable	1,591.07	
Police Work Detail Sur Charge		
Accounts Receivable	144.87	
School Off Duty Work Details	60.96	

Departmental Revenue		10,815.56
Federal Aid Projects		
(Sacred Heart Properties)	26,518.58	
Aid to Federal Projects Revenue		26,518.58
Road Machinery Fund		3,562.90
Authorized Loans Unissued	375,000.00	
Authorized Loans		375,000.00
Premium On Loan		123.20
Court Judgement-School Librarian	20,000.00	
Court Judgement-Uliano	7,500.00	
Air Pollution	42.22	
State Parks	1,955.31	
State Aid to Highways	.01	
M. B. T. A.	21,322.29	
County Tax		77,554.80
County Hospital		14,091.09
Rhodes Avenue - Pleasant Street (Deposit)		490.58
Norfolk County Retirement Veterans Services		446.30
County Mosquito Control Project		305.00
Licenses For The State		6.00
Dogs		893.50
Fish and Game and Dogs		132.08
Tailings		12,006.04
Overlay 1971		4,600.00
Overlay 1972		4,585.00
Overlay 1974-1975		10,000.00
Overlay 1976-1977		3,167.28
Overlay 1977-1978		143,908.91
Overlay Reserve		65,732.54
Employees Insurance		831.32
Teachers Insurance		1,076.28
Blue Cross - Blue Shield		37,045.20
Teachers Annuity		13,204.99
Teachers Dues	3,671.00	
Custodian Dues		1,223.00
Cafeteria Union Dues		1,707.75
Employees Optional Insurance		13.96
C.E.T.A. Blue Cross		556.33
C.E.T.A. Group Insurance		21.20
Highway Dues		1,648.00
M.T.A. Credit Union		3,422.50
School Income Account		2,753.30
Griffith Fund Income Account		216.91
Bates Cemetery Fund Income Account		85.54
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund Income Account		419.08
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund Income Account		275.54
Otis Fuller Cemetery Fund Income Account		177.27
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund		176.77

Sarah J. Holmes Cemetery Fund Income Account	352.11
Hurley, Hewins and Warren Cemetery Fund Income Account	28.77
Captain Charles Ide Cemetery Fund Income Account	419.08
Lothrop Cemetery Fund Income Account	80.64
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund Income Account	235.54
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund Income Account	377.18
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund Income Account	59.91
S. Talbot Cemetery Fund Income Account	59.38
Tisdale Cemetery Fund Income Account	1,221.69
Tisdale Cemetery Restoration	750.00
Clapp Library Fund Income Account	.33
Estey & Hinckley Library Fund Income Account	21.64
Perkins, Hayden & Drake Library Fund Income Account	2.81
Revenue 1977-1978	10,881,940.00
Excess & Deficiency Account	498,885.97
Revenue Appropriation Control	11,329,840.00
Pre-paid Vacations	4,061.95
Engineering Study Dry Pond Art. 11 STM	6,500.00
Election Vote Counting Machine Art. 12 STM	2,400.00
Real Estate Reappraising	3,327.54
Office Equipment N.C.R.	85.49
Plans & Objectives Committee	941.00
Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee	941.03
Historic District Commission	261.88
Central Business District	1,731.11
Capital Outlay Committee Art. 45	4,669.60
Police Outside Work	47.60
Public Safety Facilities Committee	100.65
Ambulance	597.72
Public Health	2,164.22
Highway Equipment Art. 13 - 1977	25,715.00
Sidewalk Construction Art. 16 - 1977	16,000.00
Highway Equipment Art. 13 - 1976	9,564.11
State & Highway Art. 11 - 1976	3,405.71
Highway Improvement Town Roads Art. 11 - 1977	13,000.00
Wolomolopoag Street Art. 35 - 1976	531.50
Furnace Street Art. 36 - 1976	1,370.00
Repairs to Highway Garage	2,000.00
North Main Street Art. 21 - 1975	36,997.84
Town Mapping Art. 19 - 1976	34,575.00
East Street Sidewalk Art. 21 - 1976	26,000.00
Beach Street Relocation Art. 15 - 1977	20,000.00
Beaver Brook Road; Pheasantwood Road; Huckleberry Lane Art. 38, 39, 40 - 1977	14,805.94
School Encumbrance	237,855.12

School Off Duty Work	176.13
Vocational Tuition	4,851.75
School Lunch (Revolving)	469.59
School Athletic Fund	352.06
Repair to East Elementary School	22,048.15
Repair to High School Roof	22,869.43
School Building Committee Expenses	2,886.48
Junior High Building	3,643.03
School Building Expansion Committee	991.28
Middle School Committee	34.35
Low Income Family Title I ESEA	17,022.44
School ESEA Title II Library	5.10
Project Look School	3,903.16
Blue Hills Project Towns	4,883.86
Indo Refugee Program	28.90
Title IV Library	1,760.39
National Defense Education	7,937.20
METCO Aid Chapter 506	85,265.46
School EDC Title I PL 8910 ESEA	217.74
School Project Live Title IV (E205)	1.78
State Aid Public Library	1.98
Public Library Addition Committee Art. 24 - 1976	28,834.13
Recreation Sacred Heart Acquisition Land Property	44,061.70
Recreation Facilities - Deborah Sampson Park Art. 22 - 1977	27,720.40
Railroad Fence (Recreation) STM Art. 13 - 1978	4,900.00
Lake Front Projects Art. 26 - 1968	175.33
Lake Massapoag Study Art. 47 - 1969	362.40
Solid Waste Disposal Mountain Street	1,504.37
Conservation Water Areas 1970 Appr. 1970 Art. 41	5,000.00
Council For The Aging (Mailing of News Letter)	343.75
Conservation Land Cottage Street	800.00
Industrial Development Finance Authority	75.00
Conservation Commission (Land)	41,970.07
Water Mains Di-Ren	916.66
South Main Street Water Appr. March - 1972	377.50
North Main Street Water Art. 17 - 1976	23,982.01
Water Mains - Wolomolopoag St; So. Main St; Pond St, Norwood St., Maskwonicut St., & Sheila Rd.	175,000.00
Repairs to Standpipe	11,150.63
Pumping Equipment Art. 23 - 1969	31,634.11
Pumping Station Repairs Appr. March 1970	10,921.97
Repairs to Moose Hill Reservoir Art. 22 - 1969 Borrowing Art. 22 - 1969	4,348.19
East Foxboro Street Well Art. 18 - 1975 T.M.	15,735.69
Water Standpipe Repair Art. 20 - 1975	8,330.00
Interest	3,173.66
Net Debt	3,125,000.00

East Street Stand Pipe	15,000.00
Water Systems Improvement Loan	240,000.00
Recreation Sacred Heart Land Property Art. 3-1974	255,000.00
High School Addition	120,000.00
Junior High School	1,000,000.00
Library Addition	20,000.00
Municipal Building	60,000.00
Conservation and Recreation Loan	90,000.00
Fire Truck	10,000.00
Water Main North Main Street	250,000.00
Water Loan - East Foxboro St.	190,000.00
Drainage Loan - North Main St.	40,000.00
School Repair - East Elementary	360,000.00
School Repair - High School	300,000.00
Water Main - Wolomolopoag & So. Main Sts.	175,000.00
Trust & Investment Funds	101,968.66
Stabilization Fund	25,504.45
Dorchester & Surplus Revenue Fund	3,130.00
Sharon Friends School Fund	12,210.00
Perkins, Hayden & Drake	1,355.00
Lizzie Burke, Library Fund	200.00
Clapp Library Fund	3,000.00
Bates Library Fund	100.00
Estey, Hinckley Library Fund	1,470.00
Historical Library Fund	1,010.00
Joseph W. Cushman Library Fund	2,304.28
Geogianne O. Hampton Library Fund	694.60
Library Trustees Fund	1,675.17
Tisdale Cemetery Fund	1,800.00
Lothrop Cemetery Fund	125.00
Mrs. H. A. Warren Cemetery Fund	40.00
S. Talbot Cemetery Fund	100.00
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund	100.00
Cynthia Bates Cemetery Fund	100.00
Sarah Jane Holmes Cemetery Fund	400.00
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund	200.00
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund	300.00
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund	300.00
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund	500.00
Captain Charles Ide Cemetery Fund	500.00
Otis Fuller Cemetery Fund	150.00
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund	150.00
Edmund H. Talbot Cemetery Fund	10,870.92
Griffith Fund	200.00
Henry P. Kendall Trust	33,479.24
Apportioned Water Betterments Not Due	7,814.43
Apportioned Street Betterments Not Due	96.36



Apportioned Water Betterments 1978-1979	858.05
Apportioned Street Betterments 1978-1979	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1979-1980	858.05
Apportioned Street Betterments 1979-1980	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1980-1981	706.74
Apportioned Street Betterments 1980-1981	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1981-1982	706.74
Apportioned Street Betterments 1981-1982	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1982-1983	624.46
Apportioned Street Betterments 1982-1983	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1983-1984	624.46
Apportioned Street Betterments 1983-1984	16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1984-1985	624.46
Apportioned Water Betterments 1985-1986	624.46
Apportioned Water Betterments 1986-1987	624.46
Apportioned Water Betterments 1987-1988	520.85
Apportioned Water Betterments 1988-1989	520.85
Apportioned Water Betterments 1989-1990	520.85
	<u>17,515,719.23</u>
	<u>17,515,719.23</u>

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

ARTHUR E. COLLINS  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TABLE OF FIXED DEBT

Loan, Date	Amount	Rate	Maturity	OutstandingDue in 1978-79 June 30, 1978	Principal	Interest
High School Addition May 1, 1962	670,000	3.00%	5/1/82	120,000.00	30,000.00	3,600.00
Municipal Building October 9, 1963	260,000	3.10%	10/9/83	60,000.00	10,000.00	1,705.00
East Street Standpipe June 1, 1964	250,000	3.10%	6/1/79	15,000.00	15,000.00	465.00
Junior High School December 1, 1965	2,500,000	3.60%	12/1/85	1,000,000.00	125,000.00	33,750.00
Conservation & Recreation November 15, 1968	225,000	4.40%	11/15/83	90,000.00	15,000.00	3,630.00
Water Systems Improvement March 1, 1970	600,000	5.60%	3/1/84	240,000.00	45,000.00	13,440.00
Land & Building Acquisition April 22, 1974	300,000	6.25%	12/1/94	255,000.00	15,000.00	15,468.75
Fire Pumper Loan May 3, 1976	36,000	3.65%	5/3/79	10,000.00	10,000.00	365.00
North Main Street Drainage December 1, 1976	50,000	4.20%	12/1/81	40,000.00	10,000.00	1,470.00

Water Loan - East Foxboro Street December 1, 1976	243,157	4.40%	12/1/81	190,000.00	50,000.00	7,260.00
Public Library Addition June 15, 1977	36,000	4.00%	6/15/80	20,000.00	10,000.00	800.00
Water Loan December 1, 1977	425,000	4.5 %	12/1/92	425,000.00	30,000.00	18,450.00
East Elem. School Repairs December 1, 1977	360,000	4.5 %	12/1/87	360,000.00	40,000.00	15,300.00
High School Repairs December 1, 1977	300,000	4.5 %	12/1/86	300,000.00	35,000.00	12,712.50
				3,125,000.00	440,000.00	128,416.25



Marci Lever  
Grade 4  
East Elementary School

# TREASURER

Donald P. Farwell, Treasurer

Marion L. MacKay, Assistant Treasurer

Mary Markt, Secretary

Linda D. Waller, Secretary

Balance, July 1, 1977 \$ 2,288,360.92

Borrowings for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1978

Anticipation of Taxes:

September 15, 1977	\$	500,000.00	
March 30, 1978		1,000,000.00	1,500,000.00

Anticipation of Bond Sales:

September 15, 1977	800,000.00
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Sale of Bonds, September 15, 1977

East Elementary School Repairs	\$360,000.00	
High School Remodeling	300,000.00	
Water Projects Loan	425,000.00	1,085,000.00

Other receipts during the Fiscal Year

Ended June 30, 1978	13,852,397.35
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Total	\$ 19,525,758.27
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Bonds Paid:

Junior High School	\$	125,000.00	
Municipal Building		10,000.00	
Community Center		15,000.00	
High School Addition		30,000.00	
East Street Standpipe		15,000.00	
Water Systems Improvements		105,000.00	
Voting Equipment Loan		5,000.00	
Shovel-Dozer and Chipper Loan		10,000.00	
Sacred Heart Property Loans		15,000.00	
Fire Pumper Loan		10,000.00	
Drainage Loan		10,000.00	
Library Addition Loan		16,000.00	\$366,000.00

Notes Paid:

Anticipation of Taxes	\$	1,500,000.00	
Anticipation of Bond Sales		1,600,000.00	3,100,000.00

Other payments during the fiscal year

ended June 30, 1978	13,974,770.77
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Total payments	\$ 17,440,770.77
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Cash on hand and in banks, June 30, 1978	2,084,987.50
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Total	\$ 19,525,758.27
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# COLLECTOR

Donald P. Farwell, Collector

Dorothy E. Traut, Deputy

Jean F. Coffey, Deputy Carolyn R. Enbinder, Deputy

## REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1971

Refunds		\$ 400.00
Abatements		\$ 400.00

## REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1972

Refunds		\$ 415.00
Abatements		\$ 415.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1972

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 1.00	
Abatements Cancelled	16.50	\$ 17.50
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 16.50	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	1.00	\$ 17.50

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1973

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 168.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 26.40	
Abatements	106.80	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	35.20	\$ 168.40

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXISE - 1973

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 20,712.49
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 649.00	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	20,063.49	\$ 20,712.49

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1974

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 63.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 9.90	
Abatements	47.30	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	6.60	\$ 63.80

## REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1974

Tax Titles Disclaimed		\$ 39.60
Abatements		\$ 39.60

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1974

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 19,260.07
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 931.15	
Abatements	84.70	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	18,244.22	\$ 19,260.07

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 205.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 142.50	
Abatements	47.50	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	15.00	\$ 205.00

# REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1975

Tax Titles Disclaimed		\$ 45.00
Abatements		\$ 45.00

# MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 26,394.88	
Refunds	<u>15.40</u>	\$ 26,410.28
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,580.15	
Abatements	<u>19.80</u>	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	23,810.33	\$ 26,410.28

# PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 691.07
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 334.06	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>357.01</u>	\$ 691.07

# REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1976

Refunds		\$ 1,009.80
Abatements		\$ 1,009.80

# MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 49,411.47	
Commitment per Warrants	4,736.30	
Refunds	<u>1,903.77</u>	\$ 56,051.54
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 24,544.59	
Abatements	<u>2,719.93</u>	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	28,787.02	\$ 56,051.54

# WATER RATES - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 22,424.58	
Refunds	<u>59.75</u>	\$ 22,484.33
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 476.56	
Added to Water Liens	<u>22,007.77</u>	\$ 22,484.33

# PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1977

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 1,166.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 942.50	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>223.60</u>	\$ 1,166.10

# REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1977

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 178,305.24	
Abatements Cancelled	5.20	
Refunds	<u>11,423.76</u>	\$ 189,734.20
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 174,798.40	
Abatements	<u>3,034.20</u>	
Added to Tax Titles	11,124.20	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>777.40</u>	\$ 189,734.20

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1977

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 169,073.24	
Commitment per Warrants	239,993.76	
Refunds	<u>10,342.09</u>	\$ 419,409.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 287,970.64	
Abatements	30,310.87	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>101,127.59</u>	\$ 419,409.10

#### FARM ANIMALS EXCISE - 1977

Commitment per Warrants		\$ 40.93
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 40.93

#### WATER RATES - 1977

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 30,750.55	
Commitment per Warrants	188,730.98	
Refunds	<u>399.02</u>	\$ 219,880.55
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 196,817.24	
Abatements	238.50	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>22,824.81</u>	\$ 219,880.55

#### WATER LIENS - 1977

Outstanding, July 1, 1977		\$ 823.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 678.73	
Added to Tax Title	<u>145.07</u>	\$ 823.80

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 348,477.60	
Refunds	<u>382.96</u>	\$ 348,860.56
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 345,592.88	
Abatements	1,111.38	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>2,156.30</u>	\$ 348,860.56

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 7,748,582.56	
Refunds	<u>5,690.75</u>	\$ 7,754,273.31
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,360,140.53	
Abatements	84,746.52	
Added to Tax Title	110,772.96	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>198,613.30</u>	\$ 7,754,273.31

#### DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1978

Commitment per Warrants		\$ 1,026.77
Payments to Treasurer		\$1,026.77

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 515,883.48	
Refunds	<u>2,761.44</u>	\$ 518,644.92
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 373,415.59	

Abatements	31,586.05	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>113,643.28</u>	\$ 518,644.92

#### WATER RATES - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 75,303.44	
Refunds	<u>91.75</u>	\$ 75,395.19
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 57,373.83	
Abatements	104.75	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>17,916.61</u>	\$ 75,395.19

#### WATER LIENS - 1978

Commitment per Warrants		\$ 23,598.07
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 21,213.83	
Added to Tax Title	1,842.07	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>542.17</u>	\$ 23,598.07

#### APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS PAID IN ADVANCE - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$170.55
Payments to Treasurer	\$170.55

#### COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS PAID IN ADVANCE - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 1.59
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1.59

#### APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 877.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 877.00

#### COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS - 1978

Commitment per Warrant	\$ 354.48
Payment to Treasurer	\$ 354.48

#### APPORTIONED STREET BETTERMENTS - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 16.06
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 16.06

#### COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED STREET BETTERMENTS - 1978

Commitment per Warrants	\$ 4.50
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 4.50

#### POLICE OFF-DUTY WORK

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 4,393.99	
Commitment per Warrants	35,905.69	
Refunds	<u>6.00</u>	\$ 40,305.68
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 38,668.03	
Abatements	46.58	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>1,591.07</u>	\$ 40,305.68

#### SURCHARGE ON POLICE OFF-DUTY WORK

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 119.07	
Commitment per Warrants	2,291.12	
Refunds	<u>.60</u>	\$ 2,410.79
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,258.46	
Abatements	7.46	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>144.87</u>	\$ 2,410.79

#### SCHOOL OFF-DUTY WORK

Commitment per Warrant		\$ 7,019.30
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 6,958.34	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>60.96</u>	\$ 7,019.30

#### AMBULANCE SERVICE

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 12,200.52	
Commitment per Warrants	9,170.00	
Abatements Cancelled	217.00	
Refunds	<u>125.00</u>	\$ 21,712.52
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 9,468.52	
Abatements	5,598.52	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>6,645.48</u>	\$ 21,712.52

#### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (RENTAL & TUITIONS)

Outstanding, July 1, 1977	\$ 1,566.90	
Commitment per Warrants	6,729.43	
Refunds	<u>110.00</u>	\$ 8,406.33
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,701.39	
Abatements	331.76	
Outstanding, June 30, 1978	<u>2,373.18</u>	\$ 8,406.33

#### INCOME FROM INTEREST, COSTS AN LIEN CERTIFICATES

##### Interest:

Levy of 1972	\$ 9.39	
Levy of 1973	295.84	
Levy of 1974	307.25	
Levy of 1975	458.69	
Levy of 1976	766.15	
Levy of 1977	8,310.22	
Levy of 1978	8,929.82	
Costs	3,197.50	
Lien Certificates	<u>3,680.00</u>	\$ 25,954.86
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 25,954.86



# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**Paul T. Keefe, S.R.A., M.A.A., Chairman**

**Leon Wolfson, Member**

**Anne M. Carney, Member**

**Virginia Williams, Asst. Assessor**

**Marion C. Hynes, Clerk**

**Dorothy Allen, Clerk**

Under the stimulus of the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Board of Assessors spent a great deal of time at many meetings to formulate plans for compliance with the Sudbury decision of 1974.

A revaluation plan was approved by the Special Town Meeting of December 5, 1978. This plan calls for the Town to be revalued by an outside firm over a two year period beginning in mid 1979.

The following is a recapitulation of tax rate and other data for Fiscal year 1978.

Assessed Value of Property, not exempt:	Fiscal 1977-78	Fiscal 1978-79
Personal	\$ 6,278,875.00	6,158,725.00
Real Estate	139,614,100.00	144,169,100.00
	<hr/> \$145,892,975.00	<hr/> \$150,327,825.00

Amount to be raised:

on Property	\$ 8,097,060.11	\$ 8,568,686.03
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	500,000.00	610,000.00
Licenses	100.00	0
General Government	15,000.00	19,500.00
Protection of Persons & Property	26,000.00	29,000.00
Health and Sanitation	22,000.00	21,000.00
Highways	14,000.00	11,500.00
School (Local receipts of School Committee)	34,000.00	38,000.00
Libraries (Local receipts other than State Aid)	3,000.00	3,100.00
Recreation	30,000.00	30,000.00
Water Department	246,000.00	297,000.00
Estimated Receipts from Local Aid & Agency Funds	1,975,200.91	2,019,747.23
County & State Assessments-Over estimated	14,157.56	72,876.19

Taken from Available Funds	545,752.00	654,773.00
Interest	58,000.00	48,825.00
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	0	75.00
Unclassified	2,000.00	2,000.00
Def. Budget		9,222.00
Ch. 367		23,463.00
	<u>\$3,485,210.47</u>	<u>\$3,890,081.42</u>

Raised for the following purposes;	Fiscal 1977-78	Fiscal 1978-79
Town Grant	\$10,002,601.00	\$10,881,940.00
Taken from Available Funds	523,928.00	654,773.00
State: Tax and Assessments	259,250.55	338,004.40
County: Tax and Assessments	336,836.09	130,750.16
Overlay	230,193.61	260,496.89
Miscel.	187,998.00	164,353.00
G. L. Chap 60, Sect. 37B		950.00
G. L. Chap. 44, Sect. 31D	19,723.33	
Debt & Interest Charges Matured and Maturing	21,740.00	27,500.00
	<u>\$11,582,270.58</u>	<u>\$12,458,767.45</u>

1977-78 Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation
School Rate \$28.91
General Rate <u>26.59</u>
\$55.50

1978-79 Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation
School Rate \$35.17
General Rate <u>21.83</u>
\$57.00

#### SUMMARY COVERING TEN YEAR PERIOD

Year	Valuation	Appropriation	To Be Raised	Tax Rate
1970	70,430,647.00	5,609,517.24	4,014,546.88	57.00
1971	119,542,152.00	6,222,603.20	4,781,686.08	40.00
1972	121,603,527.00	6,737,662.26	5,046,546.39	41.50
1973	123,600,960.00	6,568,404.00	5,526,442.24	44.00
1974 (6Mo)	131,585,460.00	3,284,202.00	2,763,221.12	22.00
1074-75	131,585,460.00	8,151,731.81	6,579,273.00	50.00
1975-76	134,788,930.00	10,208,274.11	6,874,235.43	51.00
1976-77	140,323,230.00	10,861,719.88	7,296,807.96	52.00
1977-78	145,892,975.00	11,582,270.58	8,097,060.11	55.50
1978-79	150,327,825.00	11,536,713.00	8,568,686.03	57.00

# EXEMPTIONS GRANTED UNDER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
CLAUSE 22 - DISABLED VETS.			
Exemptions Processed	244	241	235
Exemptions Granted	239	239	233
Exemptions Refused	5	2	2
Amount Exempted	45,743.00	46,660.45	46,753.30

CLAUSE 41 - ELDERLY PERSONS			
Exemptions Processed	76	67	63
Exemptions Granted	72	65	54
Exemptions Refused	4	2	9
Amount Exempted	25,025.00	22,575.00	26,903.30

CLAUSE 17 - WIDOW, AGED OR MINOR			
Exemptions Processed	3	4	3
Exemptions Granted	3	4	3
Amount Exempted	454.00	700.00	525.00

CLAUSE 37 - BLIND			
Exemptions Processed	6	6	8
Exemptions Granted	6	6	8
Amount Exempted	2,625.00	2,625.00	3,500.00

CLAUSE 41A - ELDERLY DEFERRED TAXES			
Exemptions Processed	3	3	3
Exemptions Granted	3	3	3
Amount Deferred	4,716.40	3,952.70	5,614.50

CLAUSE 61A - AGRICULTURAL-HORTICULTURAL			
Exemptions Processed	35	37	37
Exemptions Granted	35	37	37
Amount Exempted	21,928.40	24,192.45	25,165.50

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	Calendar Years		
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills Processed through Assessors Office	9,580	12,998	11,998
Total Value of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	579,496.70	792,417.89	812,915.70
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Processed	1,691	1,720	1,736
Total Value of Motor Vehicle Abatements	76,551.93	67,200.47	70,789.90

# REAL ESTATE

	<u>Fiscal 1976-77</u>	<u>Fiscal 1977-78</u>	<u>Fiscal 1978-79</u>
Total Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	5,013	5,002	5,115
	Calendar Year		

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Total Number of Real Estate Transfers	639	724	653 to 12/4

# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Henry L. Munson, P.E., R.L.S.**

**J. Timothy Walsh, Jr.**

**Mark V. Whidden**

**Elliott S. Darrow**

**James B. Delaney**

**Warren L. Grant**

**Anne L. Cosgrove**

**Town Engineer**

**Sr. Engineering Aide**

**Engineering Aide**

**Building Commissioner**

**Electrical Inspector**

**Plumbing/Gas Inspector**

**Secretary/Clerk**

As in the past years, one of the principal duties of this Department in 1978 was to provide engineering services and assistance to the Department of Public Works for the many construction and maintenance projects performed by it during the year. Examples of these services are underground utility locations and profile elevations for all drainage and culvert work, both in the design stage, and then again during construction. Street line locations and grades were furnished as requested for sidewalk repair and construction to the Highway Division and also to the Water Division for curb box locations. Many other services of a somewhat lesser nature, but nevertheless time consuming, were provided to the D.P.W. as necessary.

In addition to the work performed for the D.P.W., plans and specifications were drawn up for public bidding on two construction contracts. The first project was for the installation of 8100 ft. of 12" water main on various streets, namely Pond St., South Main St., Wolomolopoag St., Norwood St. and Maskwonicut St. There were ten bidders on this project and the Thomas A. Lyman Co. Inc., of Canton was the low bidder at \$188,187.00. This amount was slightly more than the appropriation available, however, after deleting a small section, the project was awarded and completed at a total cost to the Town of \$169,578.58.

The second project was a small drainage contract for the installation of 1900 ft. 12", 15" and 18" drain pipe and related structures on Bradford Ave. and a portion of Ames St. out to South Main St. This also attracted ten bidders with the Pavao Construction Co. Inc. of Somerset being the low bidder at \$37,676.10. Approximately 50% of this contract was completed before cold weather forced the stoppage of work until spring.



The department was also involved with the construction contract for the new recreational facilities at Deborah Sampson Park which was completed this year. The design plans and specifications for this contract were prepared by the consulting engineering firm of Edwards and Kelcey of Boston. The bidding procedure, construction layout, supervision of construction and related paper work were performed by this department. There were eight bidders with White Oak Construction Corporation of Framingham being the low bidder at \$166,768. Again the low bid exceeded the appropriation and after a minor reduction in the scope of work the contract was awarded for \$146,091 and construction was completed in late fall. At the present time the paper work is in progress to receive the State and Federal reimbursements that have been authorized for this project.

The aerial topographic mapping program, under contract to the Avis Air Map Company of Braintree, is slowly nearing completion. It is presently about 85% complete with total completion scheduled for early 1979.

The Board of Health duties performed this year were about the same as last year in regard to system inspection and plan review of applications. Applications and plans for the construction of 150 subsurface sewerage disposal systems were reviewed. This process requires a visit to the site, observation of percolation tests and test pits, along with the paper work of plan review and approval. Most of the prime building land in Town, from a sewerage disposal point of view, is either built upon or not available, therefore, many of the applications are for land that requires much more testing and closer supervision of the construction stages to ensure compliance with the more stringent conditions of approval.

Of the 150 applications reviewed, 95 were for new home construction and 55 were for corrective additions to existing systems. The installation of 159 sewerage disposal systems were inspected and approved to verify their compliance with the approved plans and the State and local sanitary codes. This represented a 30% increase over 1977. In many instances, these systems required two trips to each site as inspections are required at different stages of construction. We also investigated numerous health violation complaints and recommended corrective action and/or cease and desist citations to the violators as necessary.

Planning Board related duties are another important and time consuming function of this department. This year there were engineering reports and recommendations presented to the Planning Board on eleven subdivision plans, 8 definite plans totaling 353 lots and 3 preliminary plans totaling 113 lots. These engineering reports, with recommendations for both design and construction improvements, involve both field reconnaissance and detailed

plan evaluation. Based on the number of lots approved this year and the plans under consideration, it would appear that 1979 will also be a busy year in subdivision activity. No doubt some of these subdivisions are related to the proposed zoning changes that are being proposed. Lots in subdivisions that are filed before any zoning changes are exempt from the changes for a period of five years. There was almost a three fold increase in inspection and approval of new roadway and utility construction. In 11 different subdivisions, this construction work totaled about \$450,000 in value. This inspection is of the utmost importance, as improper construction of streets and utilities at this time would require large maintenance expenditures by the Town in future years.

Considerable time was again devoted to consultations with Philip Herr Associates, the Planning Board consultant, on the proposed zoning changes. Various maps, reports and sketches were prepared for these discussions. The Town Engineer also attends all Planning Board meetings and hearings in addition to acting as their agent for signing routine non-subdivision plans for recording purposes. In 1978, fifty-three such plans were reviewed and endorsed.

The Board of Selectmen and the Executive Secretary required a large portion of the department's time by requesting advice, comments and investigations of the many citizen complaints and problems of town management occurring during a year. Many of these are minor type problems but they are nevertheless quite time consuming.

Engineering advice and recommendations were furnished to all other Town departments as requested. For example, the Zoning Board of Appeals on site plan approval hearings, the Conservation Commission on "Hatch Act" or wetland filling projects, the Board of Assessors, through the up-dating of their Assessors' plans the Capital Outlay and Building Study Committees, the Septage Study Committee, and the Warrant Committee with plans, cost estimates and sketches on Town Meeting articles.

We have on file in our office many records and survey plans which are items of public record and therefore, of interest to builders, realtors, engineers, surveyors, lawyers and of course, the property owner himself. Therefore, in the course of a year, considerable time is spent reviewing and assisting the public in obtaining this information. Another time consuming and responsible function of our Secretary/Clerk is that of fee collection and book-keeping. We collect all the plumbing, gas, electrical, building, and Board of Health sewerage disposal fees. We also collect fees for the sale of Zoning maps, Zoning by-laws, Planning Board rules and regulations, and Building codes. In 1978, the total of all fees collected by this Department amounted to \$28,256.50. We also

collected and processed for the Planning Board \$8,029.10 in filing fees for the definitive and preliminary subdivision plans.

During the summer months, Mr. Richard MacKinnon, a Civil Engineering student from M.I.T. was employed by the department.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Elliott S. Darrow, Building Inspector**

**Richard Slogett, Assistant**

In general, no new construction, additions, or demolitions or alterations of any type, affecting and partitions, doorways, bearing walls or other structural members shall be started until a permit has been received from the Building Department.

Also, all electrical, plumbing and gas work, swimming pool installations, roofing, vinyl or aluminum siding installations, require permits from the Building Department.

If the homeowner has any question regarding the necessity of a permit, he should not hesitate to inquire at the Building Department.

Along with general building and site inspections made by the Building Inspector, his duties include periodic inspection and certification of public and private schools, hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, churches, grandstands, theatres, public halls, apartment houses and other structures.

The ever increasing price of fuel for home heating has caused many owners to install wood burning stoves to supplement their system. Extreme care must be taken to insure proper, safe installation. Contact this office for guide lines before installing wood burning stoves or furnaces or erecting chimneys for them...

The following information is offered by the State Fire Marshall's Office:

Wood burning stoves are quite often connected to an all purpose, double walled "metal-bestos" type chimney rather than to the conventional lined masonry chimney. Air tight wood burning stoves operate on a minimum amount of air to support combustion. Creosote forms in the metal stack because the gases from the air tight wood burning stoves become cool, allowing the creosote to condense and build up on the inner walls of the pipe. When the creosote accumulation eventually ignites, the resulting temperature exceeds the temperature for which the metal chimney is designed with fire as a possible result.

Owners of air tight wood burnig stoves connected to "prefab" metal chimneys are advised to "follow closely the stove manufacturer's operating instructions that allow for full free burning for a least 20 to 30 minutes daily". The full free burning permits the chimney to warm up sufficiently to reduce the creosote accumulation.

Owners of solid fuel/oil fired combination furnaces or boilers are cautioned not to connect the unit to factory built metal chimneys.

Building Permit Activity Comparison:

Type of Construction	Permits Issued		Builders Estimated Cost	
	1978	1977	1978	1977
New Single Residence	98	103	3,766,762	3,333,250
Residential Addition or Alteration	192	196	466,382	865,836.50
New Non-residential	10	3	204,711	375,800
Garages & Carports	16	17	85,870	39,800
Other	46	55	112,880	495,580
	362	374	4,636,605	5,110,266.50

Total building permits issued in all categories for 1978 was 362 for a builder's estimated cost of \$4,636,605.00.

Fees for certificate of inspection, building, plumbing, wiring and gas permits were collected in the amount at \$21,375.00 and turned over to the Town Treasurer.



# PLANNING BOARD

**Edward Lyons, Chairman**  
**Gary P. Lilienthal, Vice-Chairman**  
**George B. Bailey, Clerk**  
**Peter O. Cleveland**  
**Marilyn Z. Kahn**  
**Adele R. Kohl, Secretary**  
**Elizabeth Skelton, Representative**  
**to the Conservation Commission**

The Planning Board met a total of 39 times in 1978 and conducted 10 public hearings. There was 1 executive session conducted to review pending litigation with Town Counsel.

In the Town election of 1977, Mrs. Marilyn Z. Kahn was elected to the Planning Board replacing Mr. Fred Clay, who did not run for re-election. Mr. Lyons was re-elected by the Board as its Chairman, Mr. Gary P. Lilienthal as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. George B. Bailey as Clerk.

The following is a summary of subdivision activities during the past year. It is interesting to note that of the subdivision plans submitted this year, none were clusters.

An \* represents a definitive plan and a + represents a preliminary plan.

<u>Approved Plans</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Acerage</u>	<u>No. Lots</u>
High Ground Acres * (off No. Main Street)	Walter McGonigle, Jr.	6.9	2
Lois Lane Extension *	L.J.J. Inc.	4.9	3
Mohawk Village Estates * (off Chase Drive)	Atacap Realty Trust	67	49
Sharon Shire Estates * (off W. Eisenhower Drive)	Indel Trust	193	173
Canoe River Estates + (off E. Foxboro Street)	Vara Realty Trust	95	62



**Disapproved Plans**

Hart Road * (off Ames Street)	Howard Glaser	1	2
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**Pending Plans**

Sharon Estates IV * (off Owl Drive)	John Muldoon	4	4
Canoe River Estates.* (off E. Foxboro Street)	Vara Realty Trust	95	62
Tanglewood + (off Massapoag Avenue)	Charlotte & Florence Einis	72	59
Everwood + (off Everett Street)	Frank Gobbi	10	9
Woodland Acres + (off Mountain Street)	Robert Morse	47	45

**Other Report Data**

Subdivision filing fees collected in 1978 - \$8,029.10

Value of Roadway and Utility construction in 1978 - \$450,000

53 Non-subdivision plans (plans having frontage on existing streets) were endorsed for recording purposes. These plans created 85 new building lots.

At the Annual Town Meeting in April, the Planning Board sponsored and/or reported on the following zoning related articles:

Article 35	Adoption of the State Mandated Zoning Enabling Act (Chapter 808) revisions.	
	Recommendation - Favorable	Action - Passed
Article 36	To transfer special permit granting powers on Cluster Subdivisions from the Zoning Appeals Board to the Planning Board.	
	Recommendation - Unfavorable	Action - Indefinitely postponed
Article 37	Conversion of older homes into number of dwelling units that could be built on the land if building was demolished.	
	Recommendation - Favorable	Action - Favorable

Article 38      Allowing the railroad station waiting room to be used for commercial purposes.

Recommendation - Favorable

Action - Indefinitely postponed.

Article 39      Establish Zoning text for a Professional District Zone

Recommendation - Unfavorable      Action - Defeated

Article 40      Zoning change of a parcel at Cobbs Corner into a Professional District

Recommendation - Unfavorable      Action - Defeated

Article 41      To revise Zoning map to reflect any changes voted at the Town Meeting.

Recommendation - Favorable

Action - Indefinitely postponed

A Special Town Meeting was held on September 25, 1978 in order to meet the State Mandated deadline for enactment of an article changing the maps defining areas of the Town eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Article 1 Revision of Flood Hazard District Boundaries.

Recommendation:    Favorable      Action:    Passed

The major Planning Board activity for the year was the drafting of zoning articles for a Special Town Meeting held on December 5, 1978. This was the culmination of a two and one-half year planning effort.

Proposed for consideration by the Town were articles dealing with development scheduling, revisions to the cluster by-law, changes in residential districting and water resource protection.

A summary of the articles prepared and the results of Town Meeting action are as follows:

Article 4: Development Scheduling. Designed to allow growth to be phased so that it will no unduly strain the community's ability to provide public facilities and services.

Recommendation:    Favorable      Action:    Passed

Article 5: Lot Area Definition. Requiring that at least 90% of the area of a lot be defined as other than wetland.

Recommendation:    Favorable      Action:    Passed

Article 6: Cluster Revision. Defining in detail 14 explicit considerations on which the decision to approve a cluster is to be based.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

Article 7: Rural and Suburban Districts. Providing for increase in lot size to 60,000 sq. ft. in the R-1 district and to 80,000 sq. ft. in the R-2 district with increase in density allowed for only well-designed cluster subdivisions if outside of the Lake Watershed. In the Suburban District, multi-family units would be allowed by Special Permit at a density of two units per acre with an average of two bedrooms per unit.

Recommendation: Favorable

Action: Indefinitely Postponed

It is the intention of the Planning Board to resubmit this article in a modified form to the Annual Town Meeting in April of 1979.

Article 8: Water Resource Protection District. An article limiting ground coverage of buildings and paved areas to 20% of lot area and requiring 30% of lot area to remain in a natural state within the Lake Massapoag Watershed. Further restrictions of design of site drainage systems in new subdivisions would also be required.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

Article 9: Conservancy District. To further reduce hazards of pollution within 75 ft. of Lake Massapoag and certain other listed ponds or brooks are within 25 ft. of other wetlands by sharply limiting allowable uses within these areas.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

Article 10: Southwest Suburban. Establishing a Suburban District in the vicinity of South Main St., Route I-95 and Gavin's Pond.

Recommendation: Favorable

Action: Indefinitely Postponed

To be re-submitted to the April 1979 Town Meeting.

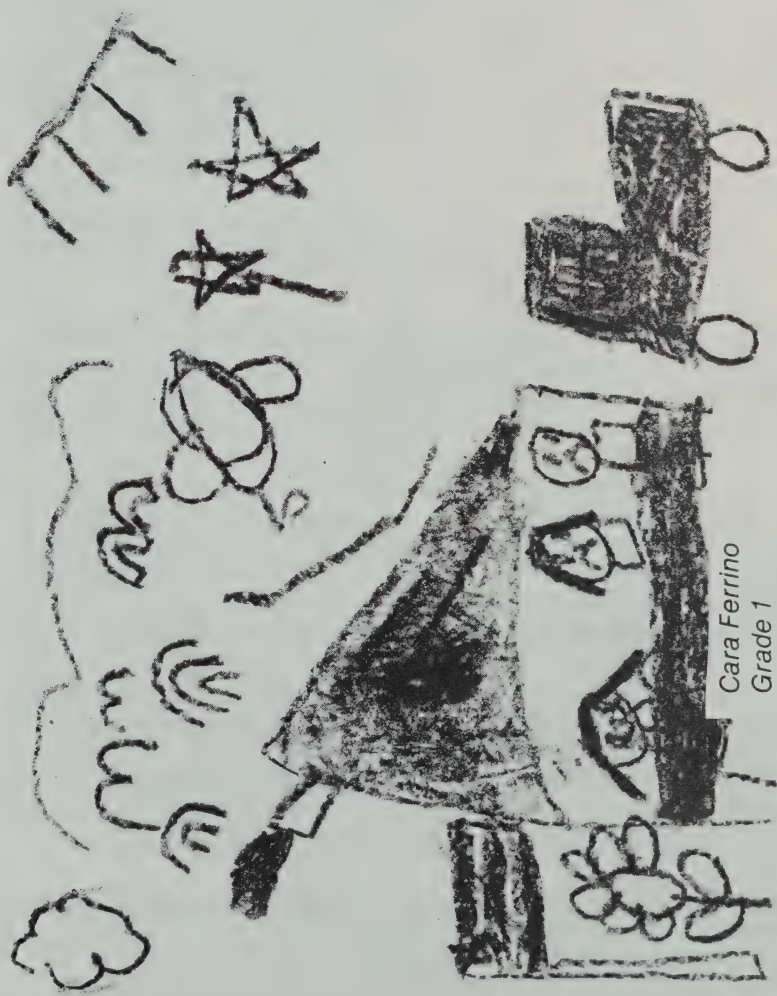
Article 11: East Suburban. Establishing a Suburban District in the vicinity of Bay Road and East Street.

Recommendation: Favorable

Action: Indefinitely Postponed

To be resubmitted to April 1979 Town Meeting.

In addition to the proposals outlined above, a Citizen Study Group established to review design standards for the Town produced a preliminary draft of new sign regulations, which will be reviewed by the Planning Board for presentation to a future Town Meeting.



Cara Ferrino  
Grade 1  
Cottage Street School

In summary, the Planning Board has presented to the Town this year what many have defined as the most comprehensive zoning package in 20 years. We anticipate that those articles enacted will be instrumental in guiding the Town's growth and development for the next 20 years. Most importantly, however, we have developed a framework and a procedure for what must be a continuing planning process.

We greatly appreciate the support we have received from the other town boards and committees over the past year with whom we have spent many hours preparing this program and to the citizens of our community without whom the enactment of this program would not have been possible.

# BOARD OF APPEALS

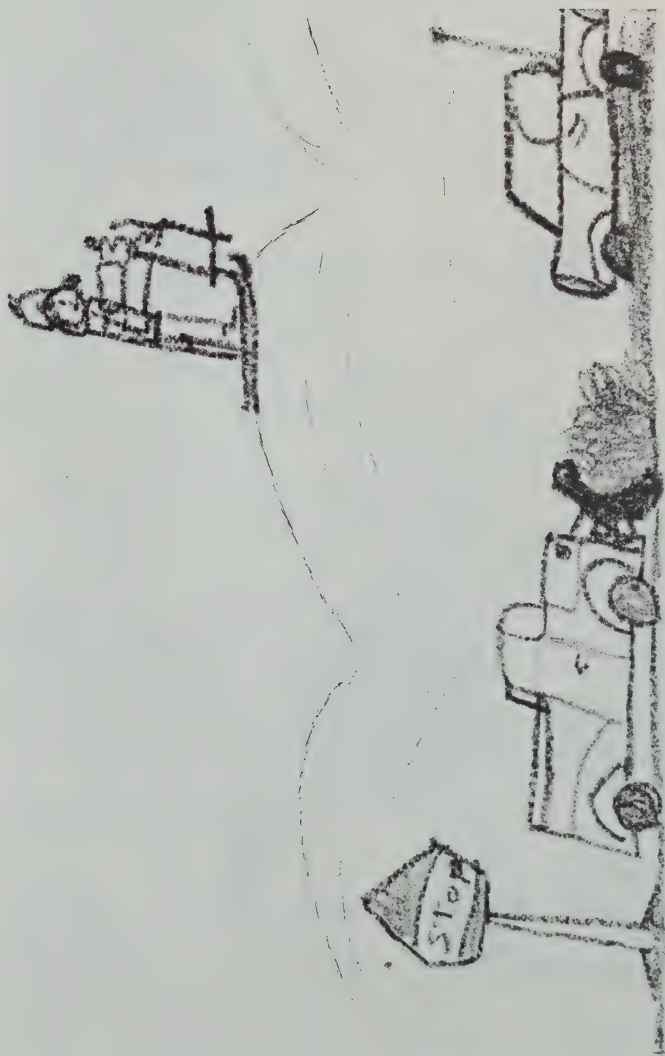
Dexter D. Eure, Sr., Chairman  
Henry D. Katz  
Doris R. Bryant, Secretary  
Alternates:  
Bernard Libon  
John Morandi  
Herman Steinberg

In 1978, the Board of Appeals conducted hearings on 28 applications under the zoning by-law. There were nineteen (19) residential applications for variances and special permits. There were nine (9) industrial-commercial applications for variances and special permits. Most of the residential variances were for permission to construct additions to non-conforming residential buildings.

The following is a breakdown of applications and decisions for 1978:

<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
Residential:				
Cluster subdivision	0	0	0	0
Variance	17	11	3	3
Special Permit	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	19	12	3	4
Industrial/Commercial				
Variance	7	4	3	0
Special Permit	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	9	6	3	0





Joey Generazzo  
Grade 3  
East Elementary School

# PUBLIC WORKS

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**C. Fred Williams, Superintendent**  
**D. Scott Laurie, Assistant Superintendent**  
**Janet Crabbe, Secretary**  
**Helen Risch, Secretary**  
**Charlene Trundle, Secretary**

The term Public Works means many things in a government such as ours. Public Works activities have been described as those involving the construction, maintenance and operation of physical facilities and services which involve, in many significant degrees, many skills, materials and equipment. The overall effectiveness of any Public Works operation depends in no small way upon how all components are assembled and made operative through proper administration. It is unnecessary to belabor the evidence that Sharon's building and development expansion is the largest in the area, resulting in increased population and the need for expansion of necessary services by Town departments. This expansion will continue for some time.

Presently, the big push by the President, the Governor, Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, and Tax Payers organizations is to put a "Cap" on Federal, State and Municipal spending. We are going to have to adjust to it and to deal realistically with the problems associated with it for a long time to come. Residents will have to realize and accept the fact that in order to tighten the belt, services will have to be reduced. The Public Works problems of this new era have new dimensions, and it has become evident that the approach to their planning and development requires a new scale of thinking. Regardless of whether or not this new scale of thinking is faced reluctantly or enthusiastically it is apparent, sometimes painfully so, that it is necessary for a well organized future.

Sharon has been blessed through the years in having Boards and Town Officials who were concerned and had the Town's best interest at heart. The Department of Public Works personnel have cooperated with the Town Officials; kept abreast of the tempo of the times; attended, on their own time and without cost to the Town, all seminars and educational programs available through State agencies. All new materials and work methods have been re-

searched and those showing savings have either been used or implemented. The proof of this shows in the fact that Sharon's Tax Rate has only increased 3.5% from 1974 through 1978 while rates in other communities have soared.

The Department had several changes in personnel during the year which was caused by either retirement or resignation. All of these people were sincere, dedicated employees and will be missed, not only by their fellow employees, but by many of the Town's people and department heads with whom they worked through the years. Retiring employees included Fred Markt, the Highway Supervisor, after 30 years of service. All who know Fred will remember him as an untiring, devoting employee who gave freely of his time and skills to help anyone or any cause. Charles Hixson and Donald Stevenson, two other faithful employees, also joined Fred in retirement. May their retirement be long and happy.

## HIGHWAY DIVISION

**Paul Lovejoy, Supervisor**  
**James Leighton, Foreman**  
**Barrett Greenfield, Foreman**  
**William Roach, Foreman**

Paul Lovejoy, a former Foreman in the Highway Division with years of experience, was promoted to Highway Supervisor upon the retirement of Fred Markt. During the year, the responsibility of running the Highway Division was shared by Fred and Paul with excellent results.

Just to make the year interesting Mother Nature, in her New England fashion, gave us 25 inches of snow in January and another record breaking 42 inches in February. It was almost impossible to hire heavy equipment during these periods, and the personnel of the Department deserve a great deal of credit for the herculean job they performed. Without their efforts and performance nothing else moves, whether it be fire, police, ambulance, fuel or food.

The Highway Division continued the following annual programs during 1978; the collection of recyclable materials on a continuing basis, two bulky item collections per year, roadside trash removal, and the operation and maintenance of the sanitary landfill site. Improvements at the site include more expansion, more frequent removal of scrap metals, better road maintenance and new and more legible signs.

During the year, this Division was called upon to complete two very time-consuming projects. First, the completion of a subdivision where the bonding company for the developer had gone into bankruptcy. The work to finish this project included the installation of drainage, sidewalks, tree planting and the surfacing of the roadways. The second unscheduled project was at Deborah Sampson Park where new tennis courts, parking lot, ball fields and fencing were installed.

Along with the normal maintenance projects of sweeping streets and sidewalks, stream clearance, cleaning catch basins and drain lines, patching pot holes, repair of guard rails, roadside mowing and brushing, manufacture and installation of street signs, maintenance of twelve buildings, maintenance of cemeteries and parks, and the maintenance of equipment for the Highway Division, Water Division, Recreation Department, Nurse's car and Dog Officers vehicle, this Division was involved in many other projects. The more important of these projects included several large resurfacing programs. North Main Street was resurfaced from High Street to the Canton-Stoughton Town Lines. This area was in really poor condition due to the installation of drainage projects and the installation by private contractors of a new water main from Post Office Square to Cobb's Corner. Massapoag Avenue was also showing signs of deterioration and was resurfaced from Mansfield Street to the Easton Town Line. South Main Street was also resurfaced from Sunset Drive to the State Line near South Walpole Street. Many other smaller areas were resurfaced including some on school property for the School Department. Improvements to the drainage system included a new culvert on Massapoag Avenue, extension of a pipe line on Sherwood Circle, and the installation of basins and other improvements on North Main Street, Pleasant Park Circle, Mitchell Street, Oakland Road, Pond Street and Glendale Road.

Sidewalk construction and maintenance consisted largely of one new section of sidewalk, one reconstructed section on Cottage Street, and one new section on Wilshire Drive. The two areas on Cottage Street and the section on Wilshire Drive were installed for the safety of the pupils walking to the Cottage Street School and the East Elementary School.

The Highway Division was also called upon to help solve the parking problem at the Railroad Station. On the south side the parking area was widened, lengthened, surfaced and lined out. Many parking spaces were added to relieve the parking problem. To add more spaces the north side "No Parking" signs along the tracks were removed and replaced with parking spaces. Parking spaces were also added wherever possible to the rest of the parking area. Other improvements proposed include additional fence to prevent passengers from crossing the tracks, a new set of stairs on the north side, repairs to the stairs on the south side,



additional lighting of the parking lots and station area, and replacement of the present lights with a type having a higher intensity.

Improvements to the Highway facilities included the installation of a new salt shed, which was supplied to the Town and constructed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works with no cost to the Town. This is a structure that the Superintendent of Public Works had requested for many years, but it was eliminated every year. When the salt sheds were made available by the State, the Superintendent made application and through the efforts of Representative William Keating and Senator Joseph Timilty the salt shed for Sharon became a reality. Many thanks to both of these gentlemen.

Up to this point in time, the salt and sand and salt mixtures were stored out in the open where the elements could work on them, causing the leachate to filter down through the ground towards the Town's water supply. When the temperature remained below 32°F for a period of time the piles became frozen. This presented a problem when loading the sanders as frozen lumps of sand would build up on the sander screens delaying the loading of the sanders. The drivers would have to climb up and remove these manually. This was not only time consuming but very dangerous to man who had to climb the ice covered piece of equipment to remove the lumps. The new salt shed is an important addition to the Department because it prevents leachate from polluting the water supply, prevents the materials from freezing, eliminates the chance of injury to the operators.

## **FORESTRY**

**C. Fred Williams, Tree Warden**

**James Leighton, Deputy Tree Warden**

The tree planting and maintenance program continued throughout the year. Pruning of trees covered thirty eight streets. Age and disease took their toll of ninety three trees. These were removed as were ninety of the stumps.

Two hundred and nineteen elms were sprayed and nineteen suspected of having the Dutch Elm Disease were sampled, with the samples going to the Shade Tree Laboratory at Amherst for diagnostic purposes.

The gypsy moth contined to be a nuisance as it ate its way across the Town defoliating the trees and shrubs as it travelled. A letter was received from the State advising towns against using any chemical controls for this problem. As a consequence, a compromise was sought by Town Officials. The aerial spray program was eliminated and in its place contractors were hired to



spray the roadsides in front of residences where owners had requested it and had signed a release to the Town. Over 2000 home owners signed the release to have their property sprayed by the Town, while others hired their own spraying contractors. Those against spraying numbered somewhat over one hundred persons and so notified the Department.

The spraying program left a lot to be desired. To begin with, the Department had to hire contractors to do the work and there are very few spraying contractors available in the area to cover the Town during the short control period. Some of the residents were unhappy that they did not get sprayed, but this was due to the lack of contractors and the elements. Heat, wind and rain are all factors controlling the dispersal of insecticides plus the fact that the contractors take time off to satisfy some of their old customers during this time period of time.

Sevin, the insecticide used, did a satisfactory job where it was applied and probably saved many valuable roadside trees and shrubs from being weakened by defoliation. However the small area sprayed long the roadside gives no control to the insects in the forest, nor does it control the insets in the back yards or recreational areas where the home owners want to relax around their pools and barbecue areas.

# NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

**Albert W. Heuser, Superintendent**

The Operational Project Program integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, safe, effective and economically feasible.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Source Reduction Work: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the draining of shallow, standing, stagnant water and the maintenance of existing flow systems which contribute to mosquito breeding sources.

Drainage ditches cleaned	4,466 feet
Brush obstructing drainage cut	125 feet
Culverts cleaned and opened	17

Larviciding. Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort.

Aerial applied larvicide	910 acres
Larvicide by backpack and mistblowers	195 acres

Adulticiding. The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying or threatening to residents.

Aerial U.L.V. adulticide application	10,239 acres
Adulticide mistblowing from trucks	7,830 acres
Adulticide U.L.V. from trucks	5,856 acres
Catch basin application.	
Adulticide and larvicide	1,346

Surveys, inspections and monitoring in support of our programs include locating and mapping breeding areas, larval and adult collections and fieldwork evaluations leading to better drainage.

The Project received 469 calls from residents for information and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert W. Heuser, Superintendent

## WATER DIVISION

**Fred Brauneis, Supervisor**  
**Bernard Moon, Foreman**

The Water Division, although it has a budget which is voted annually, is completely self-sustaining. This fact is little known and not given due consideration when the budget for the Department of Public Works is being considered or voted on.

The Water Division performed the general routine maintenance of the system during the year and produced quality water in accordance with the Standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. All additions to the system and especially work with new sub-divisions was supervised by this division to insure the public of a safe potable water supply.

This year the Department, under the direction of Walter Amory, its consulting engineer, has prepared sites for the Town's new tubular well field and signed a contract for the installation of the new wells. The new water supply will be a tremendous help to the Town and should be connected to the system during the 1979 season.

Following are statistics pertaining to the Water Division during the year 1978.

# 1978

## Water Divison

New Meters Installed with Outside Readers	83
Outside Readers	79
Meters Rebuilt and Tested	75
New Mains Turned into System	
12''      8270'    Total	
<u>5840'</u> By Water Contract	
2430'    By Developers	
New Hydrants Added	
By Water contract	5
By Developers	14
New Gates Added to System	
By Water Contract	8
By Deveropers	24
Hydrant Gates	
By Water Contract	5
By Developers	14
Lead Services Replaces with Copper	7
Freeze-Up Calls	9
Broken Mains Repaired	8
Broken Mains Replaced	1
New Services Tapped	101
Services Inspected	101
Special State Samples	3
Water Samples Taken: Water Quality	268
Fluoride	144
Curb Boxes Repaired	130

## Monthly Pumping Records

	<u>STA#3</u>	<u>STA#4</u>	<u>STA#5</u>	<u>STA#6</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
JAN	5,451,000	18,750,000	146,000	10,310,000	34,657,000
FEB	6,790,000	20,501,000	-	8,114,000	35,405,000
MAR	6,345,000	12,478,000	10,659,000	6,595,000	36,077,000
APR	-	17,091,000	12,314,000	7,928,000	37,261,000
MAY	-	20,462,000	12,657,000	9,120,000	42,239,000
JUN	-	25,129,000	12,083,000	9,912,000	47,124,000
JUL	-	32,647,000	12,650,000	13,229,000	58,526,000
AUG	-	16,815,000	12,690,000	11,894,000	41,399,000
SEP	-	13,404,000	12,211,000	10,506,000	36,121,000
OCT	-	12,094,000	11,949,000	7,916,000	31,959,000
NOV	-	12,299,000	9,978,000	9,541,000	31,818,000
DEC	-	12,935,000	11,744,000	7,925,000	32,604,000
TOTALS	18,586,000	214,533,000	119,081,000	112,990,000	465,190,000

Greatest amount pumped in one day:	July 23 1978	2,578,000 gallons
Least amount pumped in one day:	January 10, 1978	701,000 gallons

Total pumped in 1978	465,190,000 gallons
Total pumped in 1977	<u>450,383,000 gallons</u>
Increase over 1977	14,807,000 gallons
Total Kilowatt hours used 1978	755,764 KWH
Total Kilowatt hours used 1977	<u>745,276 KWH</u>
Increase over 1977	10,488 KWH

At this time, I should like to thank Executive Secretary J. Edward Bamber, the Board of Selectmen, all other Boards, Committees and Departments with whom I have had the privilege of working, and who have cooperated in the operation of my Department. Also, I should like to thank my Assistant D. Scott Laurie, Paul Lovejoy, Fred Brauneis, Janet Crabbe, Helen Risch and Charlene Trundle who play such an important part in the everyday operation of the Department.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## SHARON SAYS THANK YOU

*It will be a long time before the people of Sharon forget the Blizzard of 1978. In a time of adversity there was warmth and good neighborliness. Everybody had a story to tell, and the stories are still being told.*

*There are good memories of the aftermath of the big storm. Some recalling hardship and others the kindness of people who have been strangers the day before. Town Public Works crews toiling for so many hours they were almost asleep on their feet. Policemen, firemen, people who opened their homes to others or used their heavy vehicles to try to work their way through the snow.*

*We chuckle at the memory of Dr. J. Aaron Herschfus bouncing off toward Norwood Hospital on the back of a snowmobile. A lot of funny things happened, and some that were sad.*

*But Sharon discovered a calm, smoothly functioning machine that was its pulsebeat in the days that followed the storm. It was the town's long underestimated, rarely applauded, never before/fully/appreciated Civil Defense Organization.*

*Bernard Rosenberg, its director, has been called the "quite hero" of the blizzard. He was Inkeeper, dispatcher, cook, problem solver. Those who saw him in action noted that despite tremendous pressures surrounding him, Bernie Rosenberg never lost his sense of humor. He and his team did everything that could possibly be done for those who needed help--then they did the impossible.*

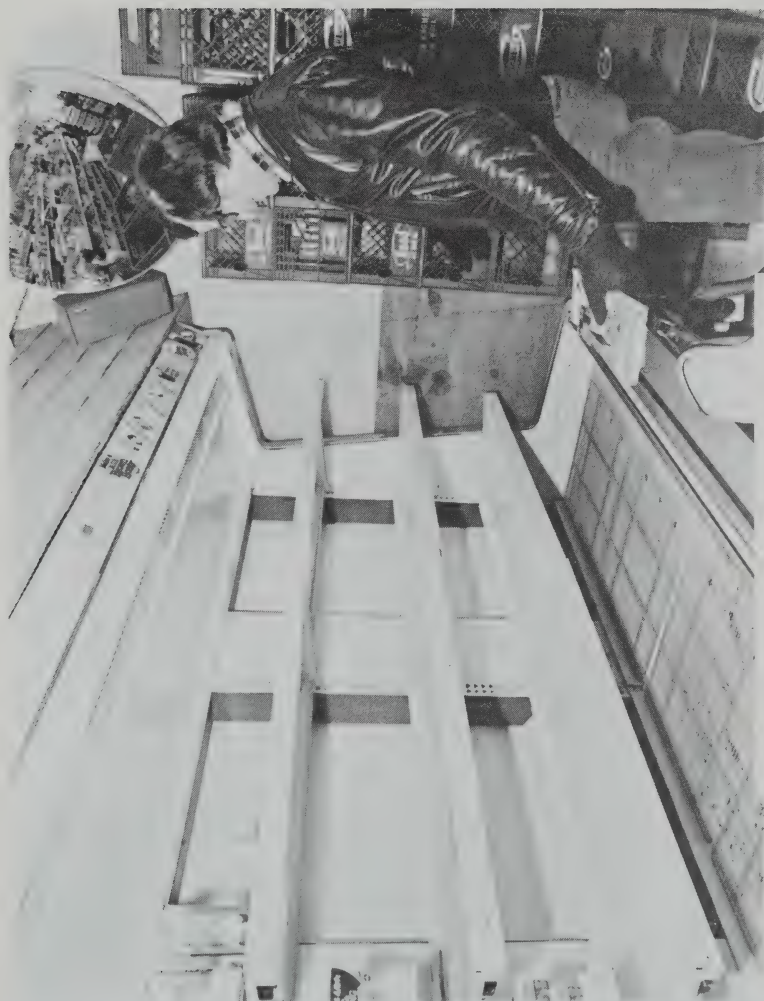
*It is to these heroes of 1978 that this town report is dedicated. We look to them with a new appreciation, a new respect. Sharon thanks you, Bernie Rosenberg, and Sharon Civil Defense.*

*"Patriot Ledger photos by Irwin Sterbakov."*





*"Walter Bittinger, Sharon weather man.  
Did he bring the blizzard?"*



"Freezers and shelves were soon bare."

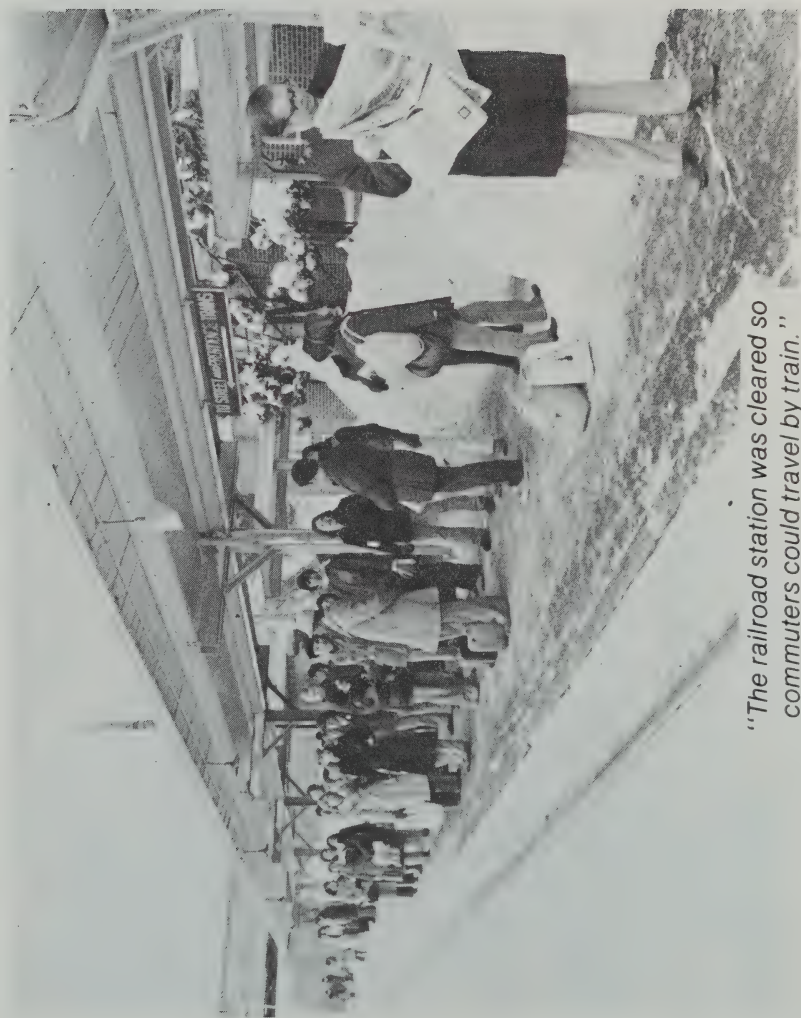


"Civil Defense set up a free bus service so townspeople could buy food."



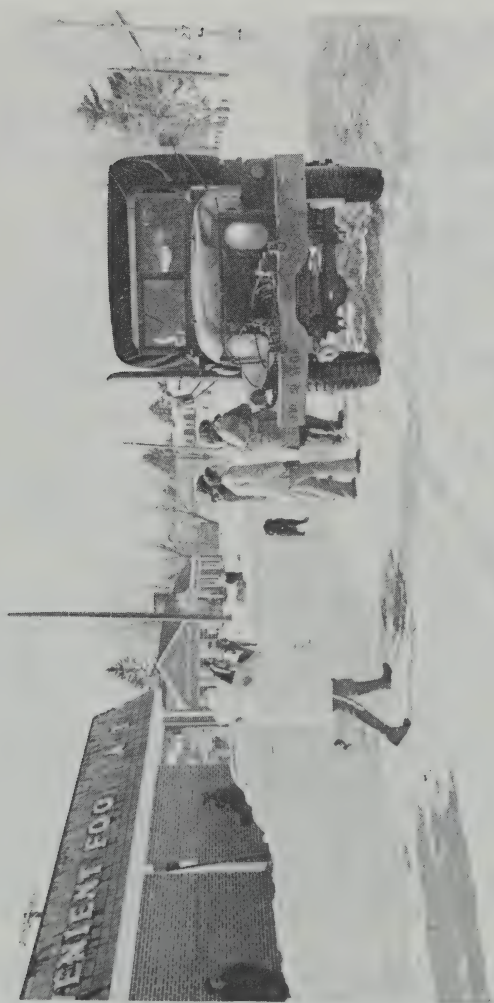
"Cobb's Corner always has traffic, but this time it did not move."





"The railroad station was cleared so commuters could travel by train."





*"The Army on the move in Sharon Center."*

# SHARON CIVIL DEFENSE

**Town Report - 1978**

**Stephen B. Cohen - Dir. Public Info.**

In the year 1978 the term "Civil Defense" has become synonymous with the word "Blizzard".

In the weeks following the "Great Storm" the CD organization received high praise for its work in keeping the town safe, orderly and well informed during the worst emergency in town history.

The appreciation of the town officials and residents reassured CD Personnel that the organization had performed well during the time of need. In less than a week after the storm, meetings were under way to determine how we could improve emergency service should the need arise.

During the week of the storm, staff officers began taking notes of where we could act more efficiently and effectively. Intense meetings, filled with self-criticism, gave birth to new procedures, positions and goals.

Reorganization became the number one priority. A new organization chart was drawn up. Leadership was split under a new system with one Director and two Deputies, which will allow for more specialized attention in areas of past weaknesses.

In this reorganization, an emphasis has been put on newly expanded areas of Welfare, Manpower/Rescue, and Transportation. The overhaul and emphasis allow for interaction between the people responsible for individual departments and create a need for expanded recruitment to fill new positions and add fresh ideas.

All reorganizational changes were made in an effort to localize specific functions so that they could better benefit the community directly.

A prime example of this fact was the tremendous gap found in our communications system. With last year's signing on of WR1-AGL, the Sharon 2-meter FM repeater station, CD became one of the most powerful communications links in the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency.

The blizzard brought about the realization that the most effective way to inform the town may very well be through Citizens Band Radio. A liaison was set up between CD Communications Dept. and the Sharon CBers Club.

Since Civil Defense has begun work with the Cbers, we are confident that town communications is just as effective as our inter/intra-state communications.

The new CB link is even being worked into plans of the Radiological Department. The Department's prime concern in 1978 has been in the area of chemical and nuclear waste spills. Chemical train derailments across the nation in the past year have caused us to take a hard look at ways of prevention and control.

A new liason for gathering information from the state, railroads and Boston Fire Dept. has been set up so that we may obtain advanced information about dangerous cargoes which are to come through town. The Cbers, once again, can become helpful to both CD and the townspeople by channeling information within the community.

Reorganization has created a multitude of openings within the agency. Volunteers are constantly sought to fill new staff and departmental positions. The newly created Transportation Dept. is currently building a roster of 4-wheelers with ham or CB capabilities.

To emphasize the new organization, a new "Open Door" policy has been brought to the attention of the town. To make CD more accessible to the town and to volunteers, a new meeting schedule has been devised.

The new schedule takes the pressure off of volunteers by not requiring regular weekly attendance at meetings. Civil Defense still meets weekly, but one meeting per month is set aside for a general session with all members. The balance of the month allows for staff meetings, educational classes and "work-party" meetings.

The public is invited to any of these meetings, in hopes that a better understanding of how we work and why certain actions were taken during emergencies such as the blizzard can be fully understood. It is also hoped that by bringing the organization to the people, more of them would like to become involved. This is especially the case now that attendance is required only once a month. All that Civil Defense requires are able people who would like to donate some time, knowledge and services when the need arises.

Reorganization, expanded departments, equipment and emergency procedures have all become as synonymous with the year 1978 to CD personnel as the word "Blizzard" has to the community.

More time has been set aside for members to work on projects, expand education, and explore new methods to better service the town in its times of need.

Restructuring has enabled the organization to better manage its time so that it can work even more efficiently than it did last February.

Every Civil Defense meeting is being offered as an open invitation to any town resident who would like to contribute some time and energy to help his neighborhood... SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Chief James A. Polito**

**Deputy Chief Stanley McLean**  
**Lt. John Van Vaerenewyck**

**Capt. Irving Traut**  
**Lt. George Little, Jr.**

### **Permanent**

**Pvt. Steven O. Cummings**  
**Pvt. Wayne P. Delaney**  
**Pvt. Robert L. Dubois**  
**Pvt. Paul E. Fleming**  
**Pvt. Michael Greenfield**  
**Pvt. Charles Healy**

**Pvt. Edwin S. Little**  
**Pvt. G. Bradford Osborne**  
**Pvt. Bryant Simpson**  
**Pvt. Paul Spender**  
**Pvt. John T. Van Vaerenewyck**  
**Pvt. Daniel D. Willis**

### **Callmen**

**Lt. Elliott Darrow**  
**William C. Bishop**  
**William E. Bishop**  
**Robert Fifield**  
**Adrian Hardy**

**Richard Knott**  
**Robert Lindberg**  
**Roger Lobban**  
**Walter B. Roach, Jr.**  
**Leon Wolfson**

One more member of the Fire Department has completed and received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician: Pvt. Michael Greenfield. Two new members of the Fire Department, Pvt. John T. Van Vaerenewyck and Pvt. Daniel D. Willis, have taken the Emergency Medical Technician Course at Dean Jr. College and are about to take their final examination. This will assure that each ambulance run will be manned by two competent, well-trained firefighters. All members of the department are certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.



As a result of a written examination given by the Massachusetts State Firefighters Academy and a strenght and agility test, four new men were chosen as members of the Sharon Fire Department. Upon employment, these men attended a seven-week training program at the Massachusetts State Firefighters Academy in Stow, Massachusetts. They were put through a vigorous training program which included training in most fire situations that could possibly be encountered. There was also an American Red Cross First Responder Course given to the four new members. The four members are Wayne P. Delaney, John T. Van Vaerenewyck, Steven O. Cummings, and Daniel D. Willis. Wayne P. Delaney and Steven O. Cummings were already certified as Emergency Medical Technicians upon employment with the Fire Department.

Regular training sessions (drills) were held bi-monthly with both Permanent and Call members of the Department in attendance in order to refresh themselves in the proper handling of equipment and the newest firefighting techniques. In addition, in-service training was held by the Permanent men throughout the year.

## FIRE ALARM SUPERINTENDENT

Captain Irving Traut in Charge

Capt. Traut is in charge of the general maintenance of the fire alarm system within the Town of Sharon. In this capacity, Capt. Traut is responsible for the proper operation and replacement of equipment. He also supervises the installation of fire alarm systems in new housing divisions within the Town.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week was designated as the week of October 8 through October 14, 1978. In conjunction with this program, demonstrations were held at the Sharon Schools. Firefighters volunteered their time and demonstrated rope rescue techniques, proper operation of Fire Department apparatus and equipment, and their sophisticated life-saving devices.

## AMBULANCE

As of July 1, 1978, the Fire Department assumed complete responsibility for emergency ambulance service within the Town of Sharon. We can assure all residents of Sharon that the proper medical and emergency treatment will be utilized by our trained Emergency Medical Technicians when transporting patients to area hospitals. Eleven firefighters have completed the Emergency Medical Technician Course and two firefighters will be taking their final examination shortly. An Emergency Medical Technician must be recertified every two years. The recertification is accomplished by the Emergency Medical Technician taking Advanced Red Cross



and Medical Care Courses, assisting at the Norwood Hospital Emergency Room, and by an in-service training program at the Fire Department. Points are awarded for participation, with 100 accumulative points necessary for recertification.

#### MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Lt. John Van Vaerenwyck

Lt. John Van Vaerenwyck has had the complete responsibility of the maintenance of the Fire Department Apparatus. He has conscientiously strived to keep a close check on the operating capacities of our equipment, discovering and rectifying minor problems thus avoiding costly major repairs. Having our trucks well-maintained and ready to move at a moment's notice is an integral part of the over-all efficiency of our Department.

Yearly inspections and drills were made at the schools and the Sharon Manor Nursing Home. In accordance with the State Department of Public Safety, the Sharon Public Schools were inspected under Fire Prevention Rules and Regulations and the findings of said inspections were forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools so that all violations of the Safety Codes could be resolved for the benefit of all concerned.

Deputy Chief Stanley McLean has continued to attend the monthly meetings of the Massachusetts Institute of the Fire Department Instructors.

Our 1957 Maxim-Aerial Truck was given a major overhaul this year. The ladder of the truck was completely overhauled and a new breaking system and power steering was installed. With these repairs, the Ladder Truck should be in service with the Town of Sharon for many more years.

#### APPARATUS

- 1946 Maxim - 750 Gal. Pumper (Used for Stand-by)
- 1952 Ford - 500 Gal. Pumper (500 Gal. Tank)
- 1959 Ford - 500 Gal. Pumper (500 Gal. Tank)
- 1969 Engine 1 - 1,000 Gal. Pumper
- 1971 Dodge Power with Winch for Emergency Calls
- 1976 Engine 2 - 1,000 Gal. Pumper
- 1976 Ford Fire Alarm Truck with Bucket
- 1952 Maxim-Aerial Ladder - 75 Footer

Because of the January and February storms, the brush burning season was extended to April 16, 1978. The Fire Department issued 163 permits for open burning of brush.

Due to the heavy amount of rain during the month of January, the Sharon Fire Department responded to 232 calls for water problems.

During the February 1978 blizzard, the Fire Department assisted residents in many capacities. They shoveled the entrance ways at the Housing For The Elderly so that residents could leave their buildings in the event of an emergency. Firefighters shoveled the roof of the Sharon Public Library and the roof of the Town Hall because of the excessive snow load and fear of collapse. Firefighters donated the use of four snowmobiles for their snowmobile patrol. These were used by the department to transport a number of residents from their homes to main roads for ambulance transportation to area hospitals. Many people, stranded on highways, were transported by snowmobile to their homes in Sharon or to the Town Hall where they were accommodated until the roads became accessible. The snowmobiles were also used to deliver necessary and vital medication to town residents.

## OPERATIONAL RECORD

TOTAL FIRE CALLS FOR THE YEAR 1978: 1439

### BOX ALARMS, STILL ALARMS AND SQUAD CALLS

Malfunctioning Building Alarms	58
Railroad Fires	1
House and Building Fires	16
Dryer Fires	6
Stove Fires	20
Diswasher Fires	2
Electrical Problems and Fires	36
Gas and Gasoline Problems	32
Smoke Investigations	67
Brush Fires	133
Forest and Woods Fires	2
Motor Vehicle Fires	63
Dumpster Fires	6
False Alarms	20
Accidental Alarms	10
Accidents	6
Squad Calls	6
Mutual Aid to Other Towns	6
Wash-downs	14
Chimney Fires	4

Oil Burner and Gas Burner Problems	26
Bomb Scares	4
Standby for Storms	2
Lumber Yard Fires	1
Others	<u>69</u>
TOTAL	610

#### AID CALLS

Ambulance	387
First-Aid	6
Water Problems	276
Lock-outs	30
Jack-out Box	5
E.M.T. Assistance	9
Assistance at Fire Station	9
Assistance to Other Town Departments	36
Wash-downs	6
Assistance by Snowmobile	37
Mutual Aid from Canton	1
Others	<u>28</u>
TOTAL	830

#### TOTAL COST OF BOX ALARMS, FALSE ALARMS, AND ACCIDENTAL ALARMS

##### Month of:

January	\$5,955.28
February (cost of emergency labor due to storm)	13,457.93
March	953.40
April	4,701.59
May	3,026.60
June	949.72
July	1,391.19
August	2,293.38
September	418.97
October	1,225.94
November	637.35
December	<u>354.56</u>
TOTAL	\$35,365.91

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - 1978

**Albert R. Horan, M.P.A.**  
**Chief of Police**

During the year 1978, there was a total of four hundred fifty-five (455) reported auto accidents - 45 less than in 1977. Of these accidents four hundred twenty-nine (429) were reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles as required by Chapter 90, Section 26 of the General Laws: ninety-five (95) claimed personal injury and property damage; three hundred thirty-two (332) claimed property damage only; three (3) claimed personal injury only. The remaining twenty-five (25) were minor accidents. In the report of accidents released by this office, it was indicated that of the 455 accidents reported in the town, a total of 102 occurred on North and South Main Streets - 25 less than in 1977. Following in importance was the Route 27 area of Norwood Street/Upland Road/Depot Street where 52 mishaps occurred - 10 more than in 1977. There were also 34 accidents reported on Bay Road.

Five motor vehicle accidents resulted in fatalities during 1978, two of which were handled by the State Police on Route 95. Our records indicate that 4 of the 5 fatal accidents involved single vehicles, and the operators were between the ages of 17 and 22 years. Four of these accidents occurred during daylight hours.

The report also shows that 242 accidents occurred between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., 62 accidents between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight, and 61 accidents between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; Friday, Monday, and Saturday were the most dangerous days of the week when 227 accidents occurred. Sideswipe accidents were the leading type, totalling 140, almost one-third of all accidents. Off the road accidents were second with a total of 122, and rear end collisions followed with 99. As a result of the report, all motorists are cautioned to be especially alert when driving on North and South Main Streets, when using the Route 27 area of Norwood Street, and in particular at the other locations noted above.

At the state of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1978, the administration and operation of the Town of Sharon ambulance was turned over to the Fire Department. Regardless, refresher course requirements for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) in the Police Department are being met throughout the year in order for recertification, as officers respond to assist the ambulance on site.

Our department is continuing to train officers in specialty areas, and the year 1978 has added the following:

### **MARCH**

Command Training Institute (3 weeks) at Babson College sponsored by N.E. Institute for Law Enforcement Management-Sergeant George H. Markt.

### **MAY**

Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault (1 day) sponsored by Norfolk County Rape Unit - Detectives James Keating and Arthur Reid.

### **AUGUST**

Breathalyzer Instructor Course (10 days) sponsored by Smith & Wesson - Officer Harry Carlson.

### **SEPTEMBER**

Crime Prevention Seminar (2 days) at Pine Manor Junior College, Brookline, sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council - Chief Albert Horan, Lieutenant Bernard Coffey, Sergeant Robert Ford.

United Crime Reporting Refresher Seminar (1 day) at the Massachusetts State Police Academy sponsored by the Department of Public Safety Crime Reporting Unit - Parttime secretary Lorraine Minsky.

Command Training Institute (3 weeks) at Babson College sponsored by N.E. Institute for Law Enforcement - Sergeant Clifford Keeling.

Crime Prevention Specialist Training Program (10 days) at Pine Manor Junior College sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council - Detective James Keating.

Radar Training (1 day) at Southeastern Regional Police Training Academy, Fall River, sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council - Officer Robert Carroll.

FBI Firearms Instructors' Training School (5 days) at Camp Curtis Guild - Officer James Testa.

### **OCTOBER**

Crime Prevention Specialist Training Program (10 days) at Pine Manor Junior College sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council - Officer Harry Carlson.



Detective Keating and Officer Carlson, Crime Prevention Specialists, will actively participate in the Massachusetts "CRIME WATCH," a Statewide crime prevention program designed to educate citizens in how to protect themselves and their property from criminals. Content areas at the crime prevention officers course which these officers attended included the history and principles of crime prevention, checks and credit cards, security lighting, electronic intrusion devices, locking devices, safes, armed robbery, security surveys, rape prevention, shoplifting, and public information procedures. Further information on the Sharon Police Department's crime prevention program is available from Chief Horan's office for those organizations interested in a presentation to their members.

During 1978 the town was fortunate to receive through a Federal grant from the Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, a breathalyzer and new radar. Both of these items are fully reimbursable from the Department of Transportation and are presently in use by the department. Officers Harry Carlson and Richard Sloggett are certified as operators of the breathalyzer, and Officer Robert Carroll has recently received updated training in radar techniques. The radar acquired now gives enforcement officers the capability of recording speed from a moving cruiser. The acquisition of the breathalyzer now enables our department to give immediate breath testing to persons arrested and prevents delays encountered in the past while transporting persons to other agencies for testing.

In May of this year, the Massachusetts State Police Striders sponsored their first annual "POLICE CHASE," a 6.5 mile road race which was entered and completed by Sergeant Clifford Keeling and Officer Harry Carlson. Following that race, in October, the Connecticut State Police sponsored a chase from their complex in Meridan, and Chief Albert Horan and Sergeant Clifford Keeling were represented in the 6.2 mile (10,000 meter) road race.

In-service training has continued with the department utilizing the officers trained in specialty areas. Sergeant Clifford Keeling and Officer Robert Carroll, certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instructors, have conducted classes for both the regular and special police officers to be certified and/or recertified. Additional department training sessions covered firearms training on an FBI course during both day and night conditions under the direction of certified FBI instructors Sergeant John Butler, and Officers James Mathews, Sidney Pratt, and James Testa.

We are proud to announce that three more officers now have degrees, bringing the total of degree recipients to eleven in our department, as follows:

Bernard F. Coffey	Associate in Science, Law Enforcement - Massasoit Community College
Sidney M. Pratt	Associate in Science, Law Enforcement - Massasoit Community College
Arthur R. Reid	Associate in Science, Law Enforcement - Massasoit Community College

The following officers are continuing their education in the schools as listed:

George Markt, Richard Sloggett - Massasoit Community College  
Clifford Keeling, Russell Mann - Stonehill College  
James Testa - Dean Junior College

In conjunction with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's (LEAA) Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP), the officers listed above have their education financed through full or partial grants for tuition.

Chief Albert Horan was appointed to the continuing education faculty at Dean Junior College in September where he taught a course in Police Administration and Management. He is now serving as Chairman of the Training and Education Committee for the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, and is also on its Civil Service Committee. In the October issue of the Municipal Police Institute's publication, Chief Horan submitted an article based on his study of police departments that have attempted or experienced removal from the civil service system, the first contribution by a police chief.

We have continued for a seventh year our intensified selective enforcement program on traffic violators. Accident figures this year have decreased indicating some success with strong enforcement. Statistics for the year show the greatest number of citations ever issued by the department. The weather, however, appears to be the strongest factor in our accident rate with December and February accounting for 105 of all accidents. An overall decrease of 10% can be attributed to the excellent Fall and early Winter weather this calendar year. The highway safety vehicle assigned to Sharon through the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau has been in use since its acquisition in April of 1977. Selective enforcement has been assisted to a great degree by its full time use in this program.

The historic blizzard in February placed an additional burden on our agency. The loss of power and communications flooded us with calls for information and assistance for the ten day period. Working with the Civil Defense agency, the department performed numerous errands in picking up persons, delivering needed drugs

and supplies, towing vehicles, directing traffic, and issuing required traveling permits. The joint effort of the police and Civil Defense agencies helped bring our community through a difficult time and was commendable.

Housebreaks, which are still our leading and most serious property offense, have shown a decrease of 29, or approximately 17%, this past year. Our records indicate a high clearance rate for this offense as a result of more intensive investigations and cooperation with other local police departments. The Detective Bureau, under the direction of Lieutenant Coffey and his assistants Detectives James Keating and Arthur Reid, is to be commended for its continued success.

We continue to solicit public cooperation by asking that citizens report suspicious circumstances which warrant investigation. Daytime breaks are the most prevalent, sometimes occurring during short absences. Our success during this past year has been due mainly to public cognizance of property crimes, generally, and the assistance granted to the police in reporting and appearing as witnesses. In addition, seven on site arrests were made through the assistance of burglar alarm systems connected directly to the police station. Auto thefts were up only slightly over 1977.

On traffic safety, the department cooperated to the fullest extent with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Massachusetts Safety Council, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. As of September 1st, Officer Robert Carroll assumed the duties of Safety Officer. Officer Carroll will be giving safety instruction at all levels in our public schools with emphasis in the areas of pedestrian safety and the operation of bicycles. He is a member of the Massachusetts Safety Officers League and attends all meetings to keep abreast of training and instructional procedures.

As a result of investigations and through cooperation with the Sharon School Department regarding drug use at the high school, a security check of the grounds and area surrounding the school has continued since September in order to curtail the use and sale of drugs and alcoholic beverages. Lieutenant Bernard Coffey coordinated this effort with administrators in the school system.

The Sharon Special Police (Auxiliary) have met on a number of occasions, and the group attends all sessions of the regular police in-service training. Recent legislation requiring mandatory police academy training prior to appointment, and also effecting intermittent police officers, caused us to prepare our Special Police in basic training, including first responder and basic firearms qualification.

During October, November, and December, Officer Joseph Puchalski, training coordinator, instructed classes and prepared sample tests for the Special Police Officers preparing them for a State examination scheduled in early 1979. Captain Joseph Petrosky and Lieutenant Charles Garnhum act as liaison between their members and the office of the Chief of Police. The members have continued their cruiser riding program whereby they volunteer during the evening hours to ride with regular officers and learn police procedures. They have proved invaluable in situations which require a large number of officers on short notice, such as, the February blizzard, and other natural disasters. Their donated services at other public functions, such as, July 4th, Town Meetings, etc., have saved considerable money and permitted the functions to be held insuring the public safety.

The department received sixteen thousand three hundred (16,300)\* recorded telephone calls requesting information and registering complaints. \*During the 10 days following the February blizzard, the telephone lines at the police station were constantly manned receiveing approximately 100-200 calls per day. Here, again, the Special Police were of invaluable assistance.

Communications from the Registry of Motor Vehicles reported thirty-six (36) licenses as suspended or revoked.

During the year the department made services on four hundred fifty-one (451) outside summonses and warrants.

On police measures during the year 1978, there were six hundred forty-six (646) arrests and prosecutions for ten hundred eighty-three (1083) offenses as follows:

Allowing Improper Person to Operate	4
Arson	2
Assault & Battery	9
Assault with a dangerous Weapon	1
Attaching Plates	26
Attempted Breaking and Entering	5
Attempted Larceny	2
Attempted motor vehicle theft	1
Breaking and entering, daytime	28
Breaking and entering, motor vehicle	3
Breaking and entering, nighttime	19
Conspiracy	2
Failing to comply with Governor's emergency ban	20
Failing to give visible signals	1
Failing to keep right	8



Failing to keep within marked lanes	4
Failing to slow at intersection	47
Failing to slow for curve	41
Failing to stop for police officer	10
Failing to stop for school bus	2
Failing to use care in turning	2
Following too closely	3
Faulty equipment	18
Improper display of license plates	3
Larceny, over \$100	21
Larceny, under \$100	8
Leaving scene of accident after causing property damage	9
Leaving scene of accident without making self known	3
Malicious damage to personal property	8
Malicious injury to building	7
No front license plate	1
No inspection sticker	22
Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Operating after revocation	3
Operating after sundown without lights	1
Operating after suspension of license	2
Operating motorcycle without headgear	2
Operating motor vehicle in violation of restriction on license	5
Operating so as to endanger	13
Operating under influence of controlled substance	1
Operating under influence of liquor	29
Operating uninsured vehicle	46
Operating unregistered vehicle	46
Operating with improper class license	8
Operating with passenger on motorcycle without headgear	1
Operating without eye protection (motorcycle)	2
Operating without license	30
Operating without license (after dark)	1
Operating without license in possession	26
Operating without permit in possession	1
Operating without plates	1
Operating without registration in possession	23
Passing, obstructed view	12
Passing, unlawful	1
Possession alcoholic beverage (minor)	14
Possession of burglarious tools	5
Possession of counterfeit inspection sticker	1
Possession of marijuana	17
Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute	3
Protective Custody	25
Receiving stolen property	15
Speeding	323
Transporting alcoholic beverage (minor)	2
Trespassing	9



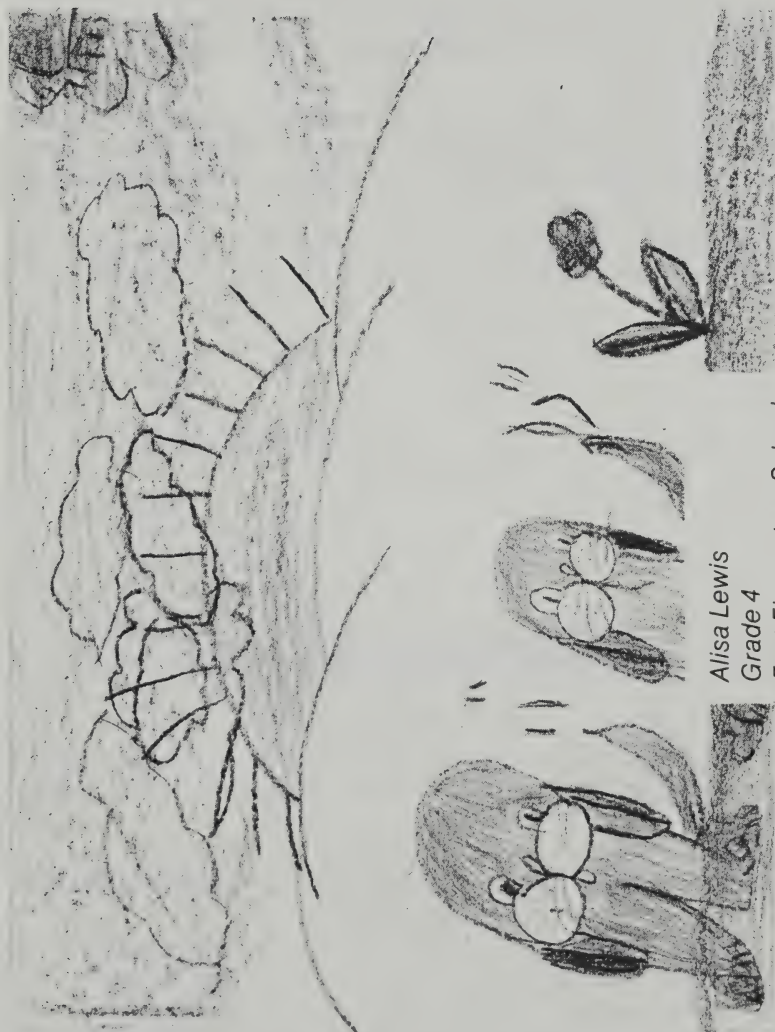
Trespassing with a motor vehicle	2
Unauthorized possession of police badge	1
Using motor vehicle without authority	8
Violation Article 3 Sect. 3-3 (fail to obey roadway markings)	4
Violation Article 4 Sect. 1 (fail to stay within marked lanes)	5
Violation Article 4 Sect. 10A (fail to stop for red light)	6
Violation Article 7 Sect. 7-1 (fail to use care in passing)	2
Violation Article 7 Sect. 7-6 (fail to use care in starting)	25
Violation Article 7 Sect. 7-11 (fail to stop for stop sign)	8
Violation Article 7 Sect. 5 (towing by-law)	1
Violation Article 7 Sect. 9 (fail to stop for red light)	4
Violation Article 7 Sect. 13 (fail keep right of traffic island)	1
Violation Art. 10 Sect. 16 (deposit of rubbish on public way)	1
Violation Article 10 Sect. 19 (drinking on town property)	2
Violation Art. 10 Sect. 28 (shooting goose on private prop.)	1
Willfull setting of fire	1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>1081</b>

Auto Thefts	45
Dealer licenses, firearms	4
Firearms ID cards issued	89
Firearms licenses	207
Liquor Purchase ID cards issued	15
Parking violation	387
Registry action, violation notice	1005

#### Juvenile cases - 169

12 juveniles adjudicated delinquent, committed to DYS  
(Division of Youth Services)  
33 juveniles entered diversionary program  
24 juvenile cases continued to 1979

Fines imposed - \$12,380.00  
Restitution paid - \$1,940.00  
17 defendants entered alcohol prevention program  
Sentences imposed - 9 years, 3 months, House of Correction  
1978 cases to 1979 - 190 (includes alcohol prevention program,  
diversionary program, and continued cases)



Alisa Lewis  
Grade 4  
East Elementary School

# DOG OFFICER

**Edwin S. Little, Officer**  
**Diane Kass, Assistant**

A total of 1,432 complaints were received and acted upon during the year of 1978. Of this number, it was necessary to prosecute 34 dog owners in the District Court for the violation of the Dog Control Law. As the result of the above violations, the sum of \$315.00 in fines and fees were collected and turned over to the proper authorities.

Most of the 47 dogs that were reported as lost were found and returned to their proper owners. A total of 156 stray dogs were picked up and destroyed after the mandatory ten-day waiting period was carried out.

A total of 14 dogs were sold to private individuals and the money thus collected was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

# INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

**Edwin S. Little, Inspector**

The Animal Control Division inspects animals for the Town of Sharon, and for the State Health Department under Chapter 129, Section 19.

This procedure involves inspection of the animals for any contagious disease and for the environment in which they are kept. The following animals were inspected:

8 Sheep	176 Horses
26 Dairy Cows	26 Ponies
5 Beef Cows	6 Swine

The following animals were quarantined for a period of ten days for biting:

8 Dogs  
1 Cat

# REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

James E. Mathews, Sealer

During the year 1978, all business establishments within the town under the jurisdiction of the Department of Weights and Measures using weighing or measuring devices and selling pre-packaged goods were visited, the devices were inspected, adjusted when necessary to within the acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

All requests received by this department to check weighing or measuring devices from consumers or proprietors of retail stores were dealt with promptly and satisfactorily, all new equipment was inspected and sealed before it was used. Every complaint received by this department was investigated and a report filed.

The following is a list of the activities of this department during the year 1978:

## Sealings

Prescription Balances	3
Weights	99
Scales	28
Gasoline Pump Meters	23

## Inspections

Scales	34
Vehicle Tank Deliveries	58
Gasoline Pump Meters	37
Pre-packaged Goods	162

There were 291 inspections made of scales, meters, fuel deliveries, and pre-packaged goods. Also 153 devices were sealed and all fees collected were turned in to the Town Treasurer.

# HEALTH EDUCATION and WELFARE

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Wetlands hearings again occupied the chief attention of the Commission during 1978, necessitating many additional meetings during the year. Of particular importance was the Sharonshire Estates subdivision of 183 lots in the Lake watershed because of its threat to the welfare of Lake Massapoag. Several new approaches toward controlling runoff and pollution have been applied to the development, which is still waiting final approval. At the special Town Meeting in December the voters adopted zoning changes which should help the ability of the Commission to protect wetlands in the future.

Two land acquisitions were made in 1978. A tract of 20 acres of swamp was purchased from Mr. Peter Lyons at the headwaters of the Canoe River and near one of the town wells. A small lot bordering on Hammershop Pond was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller. These purchases were made at the assessed value. Several other acquisitions were in process or under discussion at the end of the year.

At the request of Mr. Lawrence Peck, the Town voted to release a conservation restriction on nine acres bordering Wolomolopoag Street and to accept as a gift from Mr. Peck a similar amount of land adjoining other Town property.

Mr. Theodore Waldron resigned from the Commission in June and Mr. Peter Levenson was appointed to replace him.

Janice Adler  
Henrietta Becker  
Eugene Flynn  
Peter Levenson  
Lawrence Newcomb  
Walter Reeve  
Edward Welch, Chairman



# BORDERLANDS STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

There is one facility available for the residents of Sharon which offers idyllic vistas, space to expand the mind and lungs, areas for skating, cross-country skiing, tennis, and horseback riding, and it doesn't cost the town a penny!"

It is Borderlands State Park and you can get to it by going south on Massapoag Avenue until you see the impressive sign on the left. It leads to a driveway and rectangular parking area.

After you leave your car, you will see a magnificent stone mansion to your right. This was the home of Blanche and Oakes Ames from 1910 until 1969. Several times a year the House is opened to the public. You may tour all three floors and view hundreds of art objects and fine pieces of furniture. Outside the house is a newly replanted circular yew hedge, tennis courts, and a small gem of a rock garden.

A new parking area which winds through the woods should be ready for use in the spring. This was constructed by Superintendent Pete McNamara and his men who keep the park in such superb condition all during the year.

During the past summer each weekend, Kate Higgins, a young naturalist, conducted walks through the fields and woods. She pointed out the wild flowers and plants as they bloomed, week by week. Other walks conducted by Bill Hocking, Chairman of the Advisory Council, Larry Newcomb, and others explore the geology of the park, ferns, mushrooms, and birds.

The "Friends of Borderland", an independent group, are a constant source of inspiration, volunteer effort and funds. In addition to scheduling all the above activities, they sponsor a Brass Concert and picnic, kite contests, skating and cross-country skiing parties, and a Champagne Concert in the Mansion.

All residents of Sharon are invited to join the "Friends", become tour guides, attend any of the "special events" that take place throughout the year, or simply drop in and enjoy. For information on any facet of Borderlands call 784-5835.

Jean Santos,  
Sharon Representative and Secretary,  
Borderlands State Park Advisory Council



# COUNCIL ON AGING

Seated L to R: Ellen Bender, Chairman Dale Ven Meter, Lillian Clough, Standing L to R: Dave Clifton, Fater Bullock. Missing from picture: Doris Rosenthal, Jane Gilmore.

# COUNCIL ON AGING

**Dale L. Van Meter, Chairman**  
**Ellen Bender**  
**Fr. Robert Bullock**  
**David I. Clifton**  
**Lillian Clough**  
**Jane Gilmore**  
**Doris Rosenthal**

One of the high points of this year was the 6th of July when the first meal of the Nutrition Program was served at the Community Center. That was the culmination of more than three years in the planning and the realization of the hopes of a great number of people in Sharon. We express appreciation to Mr. David I. Clifton, Mr. "Abe" Aronson, and Mr. John H. Thompson, who, each in his own way, made the project a reality. Midday meals are served five days a week, with the exception of holidays, and every person sixty years of age or older is eligible to participate in the program. A contribution of fifty cents, or more, may be made. This is an excellent resource and is funded under the Nutrition Program, Title VII. In conclusion, we express appreciation to the King Phillip Elder Service Corporation, funded through the Department of Elder Affairs, for helping to make this all possible, and to Ann Powers and Barbara DiGiralamo who help serve the meals each day.

The Meals on Wheels program, for the temporarily house-bound individual remains in the thinking and planning stage. It may be that it will not be realized this year, with the attempts to not increase budgets, but the Council will continue to explore this program and will hope to see it as a reality in Sharon.

It is difficult to place the project of a new bus for Sharon as the second most important "happening" of the year. We place it second, due to the very fact it was a reality "ordered" but not yet here! The appearance, and participation, of the older citizens at the Town Meeting helped to make this project a reality. We hope you will continue to come and participate in the discussion of every item on the agenda of the Town Meeting. Transportation and nutrition are two important aspects of every person's life---older or younger citizen in the town of Sharon.

Life is dull without some entertainment, both for those who produce the entertainment and the audience. This year, as previous ones, has been a year which has had the joy of having "Seniors on the Go" as a part of our Town. Community Centers, Hospitals, and

Senior Centers in New England have been host and hostess to this remarkable group. One of the great trips of the year was to Martha's Vineyard. Our words of appreciation go to Director Pat Dutton, Assistant Director Libby Kafka, writer Alyce Stern, pianist Joyce White, Shelah Hiltz for costumes and scenery, and to all of those of "the cast". At this point we express our sorrow at the loss of "Mike" Ahern, our thankfulness at having known him, and for the joy he has given to all of us.

The Council has continued to change this year, with the result that we have lost members and gained members. Mr. Leon Leavitt completed his term, and the Council voted to have him remain as an Ex-Officio member. He was replaced on the Council by Fr. Robert Bullock, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mr. John H. Thompson resigned from the Council for personal reasons, and was replaced by Doris Rosenthal. Fr. Don Milligan resigned, due to his move to Illinois, and was replaced by Ellen Bender. This makes the Council complete as to membership, and we anticipate much activity from the Council due to the very fact each person brings a certain richness of background to it.

This past year we have had a new outreach, and new activities, which have been due to the services of "Abe" Aronson. His position was funded through CETA. He has given a new dimension to the Council on Aging, and we have appreciated it. Thank you Abe!

The Sharon Senior Citizen membership card is available to any resident of Sharon who is 60 years of age or over. This is a change from last year when the age was 62 years. The membership card is available at the Recreation Center or the Town Hall. The membership is more than 600. Have you obtained your card?

We look ahead, as a Council, to the new year, with anticipation of working together on the theme of "Communication and Co-ordination". We trust you will be willing to help us in our endeavors, as we all work together and age together in Sharon.

This report would not be complete without our expressed appreciation to David I. Clifton, and to the Recreation Department, for the constant and untiring support of the many activities of the Council on Aging.



# SHARON HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Harold Lew, Chairman**

**John Connors**

**Thomas Watkins, Treasurer**

**Dorothy Kaufman, Secretary**

**Solomon Levenson, Asst. Treas.**

Biggest events of the year, prior to the Annual Town Meeting, were the January and February snowstorms. Either storm could have been disastrous for the residents of Hixson Farm Road had it not been for the fine work of town employees and several private individuals. A special thank-you to our own capable and hardworking Maintenance Supervisor, Charlie Garnhum, and thanks to those members of the Sharon Fire Department who volunteered their time as snow shovelers. We are also grateful to those citizens who aided our tenants by shopping for them. Every one certainly responded nobly.

Before the Annual Town Meeting, the Authority met with the following members of the Capital Outlay Committee: Manny Elkind, Anne Carney, and Irving Laskin. The subject of the meeting was the possible use of the Sacred Heart building for Housing for the Elderly. The Authority expressed initial interest in the property and toured the building with the Capital Outlay committee members.

The Authority, following Department of Community Affairs guidelines, then applied for funding stressing the building's rehabilitative possibilities in an effort to share in the \$100 million state-wide elderly housing appropriation recently allocated by the General Court. However, the Authority's article for local approval of the project, which is required by state law, was defeated by the June Town Meeting.

Subsequently, the Authority's proposal for additional units at Hixson Farm Road was rejected. In the meantime and despite a 1978 updating, the waiting list of applicants has grown to ninety.

Faith Albert, dedicated and invaluable member of the Authority since its inception in 1970, stepped down from her post as member-secretary this year. Mrs. Dorothy Kaufman of Billings Street was elected by the town to succeed Mrs. Albert.

Another change in membership occurred in December when John T. (Jackie) Connors of Depot Street was appointed by the Dukakis administration to the one seat on the Authority filled by state appointment. He succeeds William Crawford who had served as



Vice-Chairman, been a member since 1973 and given many hours of capable service to the development and management of the Hixson Farm Road Housing Project.

Commendation is due the Sharon JayCees for their work in introducing the "Vial for Life" program to our residents.. Vials containing important data concerning the tenant's health and medications are pasted inside the refrigerator door, to be used in case of emergency. The co-operation of the Sharon Thayer Pharmacy for donating the vials is appreciated.

Another important acquisition was the placement of a wheelchair in our Community Building for tenant use as needed - a most thoughtful gesture by the Sharon Rotary Club. It is much appreciated.

On May 20th, the Sharon Garden Club held their Annual Spring Horticultural Show using our Community Building and fittingly included the trees and shrubs generously planted by the Club in 1977 as part of their exhibits. How nice to have had a flower show come to those who perhaps by themselves could not get to a flower show.

In concert with other town offices and officials, we found this to be the year for Affirmative Action and the Authority voted member Solomon Levenson as its Affirmative Action Officer.

Our tenants continue to enjoy bingo and birthday parties regularly in our Community Building. Aaron Flink and Lena Zaiger celebrated their ninetieth birthdays this year, making a total of five tenants now living in their tenth decades. For several weeks, our recreation room was also the scene of busy activity on Monday mornings while eleven tenants attended ceramic classes conducted by June Morse and offered tuition-free by the Sharon Adult Education Department.

Finally, at year's end, there was the traditional New Year's Eve Party put on and enjoyed by the tenants and reminding us that our buildings will have been lived in for four years in February.



Carolyn Elkind  
Grade 4  
East Elementary School

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Constance W. Steere, Chairman**  
**Frances Berger**  
**Beatrice Dingman**  
**Malcolm R. Farquhar**  
**Sydney S. Morgan**  
**Fred A. Rosenberg**

During the past year the makeup of the Board has remained constant, as both Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Steere were reelected to new three-year terms.

The condition of the facilities occupied by the library has been of grave concern to the trustees, and it was very disappointing that plans for a new building were rejected by the townspeople. A new building, when compared with the present location plus an addition, would in the long run be more economical to operate, both from the standpoint of an efficient physical plant and the number of staff members needed for adequate control and supervision.

Late summer rainstorms caused havoc when the old flat roof with its disintegrating system of drains failed to provide shelter. Hundreds of books had to be hastily shifted in the main lobby, while heroic mopping had to be done on several occasions in the lower section. The steps to the right of the front door were unusable for several weeks while structural repairs were being made. Faulty window cranks had to be repaired, and broken panes of glass had to be replaced. Air conditioning is urgently needed—for the preservation of the collection of books and historical artifacts as well as the comfort of patrons and staff.

Steps have been taken to proceed with plans for an addition to the present building, as more space is needed in order to keep up efficiently with the services offered to library clientele.

The copying machine continues to be a popular item in the library. While the library does not own the machine, its contract provides for a certain number of free copies for library use each month. Since the machine is constantly in use, the library more than makes its quota.

Another service that is well patronized is the library's membership in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, which provides two adult admissions by prior reservation of the cards.

Library service to the residents of Sharon Manor continues to be ably administered by Helen Goodyear.

In May the Chairman attended the annual convention of the Massachusetts Library Association and took the workshop on Censorship, presented by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. This proved very interesting and pointed up the fact that it is far more important to maintain "freedom to read" than to worry about repressive measures.

At the Special Town meeting held on January 16, 1978, Mrs. Shirley Pransky presented her portrait of Dr. Walter A. Griffin to the Town. It was accepted by the Board of Trustees to be hung in the Library.

The Board appreciates the generosity of the many friends of the library who have contributed gifts of money to its fund for the purchase of new equipment when an addition to the library becomes an actuality.

Memorials have been given in honor of John C. Dore, Rose Robert, Louise Deeg, Marshall T. Knott, Alice Whitaker, and Bea Smith. Other gifts have been made by the Fortnightly Club of Sharon, Mrs. Louise Zandberg, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farwell, and many others.

The Board of Trustees welcomes consideration of memorial gifts to be used for the addition to the library.

In addition to the many books and money gifts received throughout the year, old deeds were presented to the library for its historical collection, by the Registrar of Deeds for Norfolk County.

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR - 1978**

## **LIBRARY STAFF**

**Elizabeth Farrar, Library Director**  
**John E. Quartarone, Children's Librarian**  
**Laura M. Hayes, Circulation Librarian - resigned August 1978**  
**Wilma Leidberg, Acting Circulation Librarian**  
**Helen D. Goodyear, Reference and Young Adult Librarian**  
**Christine C. Smith, Secretary**  
**Mildred F. Bolan - Special Librarian**

### **Library Assistants**

**Elaine Ellins**  
**Cheryl McClain**  
**June Pharmakis**  
**Rochelle Rosen**

### **Library Pages**

**Elizabeth Branca**  
**Claudia Palframan**  
**Wendy Abrahamson**

### **Custodian**

**Barrett Greenfield**

In August, Laura M. Hayes retired as Circulation Librarian. Mrs. Hayes had been on the staff since 1966, had served as Acting Director for several months in 1970, and had been head of circulation since August of 1970. An open house honoring Mrs. Hayes was held at the Library. Many people took the opportunity to wish her well, along with many pleasant years of retirement.

No new person was hired to replace Mrs. Hayes. Both Elaine Ellins and Wilma Leidberg became full-time. In October, Mrs. Leidberg was appointed Acting Circulation Librarian.

The pre-school story hours for four and five year old children continue to be very popular. Three per week were held from October through May. Each group had a registration of twenty-five children.



Mr. Quartarone, the Children's Librarian, conducted a number of other programs for children, ranging from a summer reading game, to a production of "The Wizard of Oz", adapted and written, as well as acted by the children, to a pet show held on the grounds of the library in June, to movies on Friday afternoons.

A number of children volunteered their time on one or two afternoons per week to help with these projects. The Library is always very grateful for their help.

Various groups of Brownies, Girl Scouts, nursery school children, and other classes have visited the library. As he has for many years, Mr. Leonard Greenfield has brought his 6th grade students from the Intermediate School for instruction in the use of the library.

The professional staff has been given the opportunity to attend meetings of the Massachusetts Library Association and other group meetings related to their specialties. Contacts made and ideas developed at these meetings are of as much benefit to the library as they are to the individual. In addition three members of the staff are working on advanced degrees in library science.

Circulation statistics do not show a true picture of the work of the library. More and more people visit the library to read the newspapers and the current magazines, and many more come to do research in the reference area. The library staff is very grateful to its loyal patrons who have continued to patronize the library despite the inconveniences caused by leaks in the roof, which necessitated the upheaval of the book stacks.

The library was chosen, among several in the state, to participate in a Library Services and Construction Act Project for the development of reference services. A grant of two thousand dollars was granted. As a result a number of additional materials were added to the reference collection.

A major project of the staff was a thorough weeding of the adult registration files. Adult library cards are valid for three years, after which they must be renewed and updated. The statistics now show a more accurate indication of the number of borrowers who use the Sharon Public Library. With a total of six thousand, three hundred and thirty-six adult and two thousand, fifteen juvenile registrations more than half the residents of Sharon have active library cards. Circulation statistics show that the average number of books read by each person registered is 13.9 + . For each resident of Sharon the average is 8.42. Either figure is much higher than the national average of around three per capita.

## STATISTICS

BOOK CIRCULATION	1978	1977
Adult Library		
Fiction	42,618	45,315
Non-Fiction	24,544	28,376
Periodicals	5,520	5,953
Pamphlets	546	709
Phonograph records	982	1,161
EMR	-	171
Hixson Farm Branch (5 mos.)	-	323
Sharon Manor	<u>558</u>	<u>360</u>
	74,763	82,368
Number of days open	279	286
Average circulation per day	268	288
Children's Library		
Fiction	28,116	31,198
Non-Fiction	11,580	13,886
Periodicals	479	368
Pamphlets	25	40
Phonograph records	1,076	1,047
EMR	99	243
Loans to teachers	<u>70</u>	<u>148</u>
	41,445	46,930
Number of days open	279	286
Average circulation per day	148.54	164.09
Total circulation	116,213	129,298
Inter-Library loan requests	658	612
Films borrowed	88	25

## BOOK ACQUISITIONS

	Fiction	Non-Fiction
Adult	1,032	1,321
YA	27	8
Juvenile	466	465
Total number added	3,319	
Number of books withdrawn	3,888	

Current Library Inventory	
Adult	36,847
Juvenile	18,729
	<hr/> 55,676

Registration of Borrowers	
New Adult registrations	827
Total number of Adult borrowers	6,336
New Juvenile registrations	291
Total number of Juvenile borrowers	2,015

#### Fees and fines turned over to the Town Treasurer

Lost Book receipts	\$ 378.40
Fines	3,290.52

## BOARD OF HEALTH

**J. Edward Bamber, Health Agent**  
**Joan Wales, R.N.; Nursing Supervisor**  
**Jane Gilmore, R.N.; Virginia Reardon, R.N.**  
**Bette Ellen Gladstone, R.N.; Sub. Nurse**  
**Arlan Bennett, Secretary**

The reported cases of Communicable Disease for 1978 were:

Animal Bite	-	8	Salmonella	-	1
Chicken Pox	-	3	Strep Throat	-	41
Hepatitis	-	2	Tuberculosis	-	1

Thirty-three deaths occurred within the Town of Sharon. Seventeen of these were out of town residents, temporarily, residing as patients at Sharon Manor Nursing Home.

A total of \$547.00 was received by the Board of Health and turned into the Town Treasurer covering fees for camps, swimming pools (public), animals, milk and cream, and food service permits.

Reimbursements for services provided through the Home Health Agency were as follows:

Medicare	\$7,908.39
Medicaid	\$9,603.79
Private Insurances	\$692.44
Private Payment	\$2,343.55

# PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

## Home Health Agency

Under the Board of Health, the Public Health Nursing Program provides health promotion and skilled nursing care to the residents of Sharon.

The policies of the Home Health Agency stipulate that residents who need skilled nursing care obtain a written order from their physician. Fees for nursing services were increased July 1977 to \$17.00 for a home visit and \$5.80 for an office visit, determined by the yearly cost study.

Other skilled services, which are provided through contract, include physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

The Norfolk-Bristol Home Health Services, Inc., a non-profit corporation located in Walpole, continues to provide homemaker-home health aide service to the residents of Sharon. The Public Health Nurses extend supervision, teaching and evaluation to the home health aides through contractual agreement.

The Public Health Nursing program is involved in the area of community mental health through contract with the community nurse from Medfield State Hospital.

A continued liaison exists between the Board of Health and Norwood Hospital through the Public Health Coordinator at the hospital. Patients or their families are urged to contact the coordinator at the hospital or call the Board of Health Office, if it seems likely that home care services will be needed. Home Health Services are often covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or other third party insurance.

The Public Health Nurses provide a monthly blood pressure screening and health teaching program for any resident of Sharon, 60 years of age and over, on the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. There is no fee for this service. Approximately 388 persons were served in 1978. The program is conducted at Hixson Farm Road Housing Authority Building. Plans for extending this program and introducing new clinics are in the making.

The Board of Health participates in screening for tuberculosis through the provision of Mantoux Tests, free of charge. These tests are given in the Board of Health Office, by appointment, and must be read within 48 hours. It is mandatory for any individual, who is to be in contact with school age children, to be of known tuberculin status. Those with a positive Mantoux Test are then referred to Norfolk County Hospital for a chest x-ray.

Testing for lead poisoning is now available through the Board of Health on an appointment basis. This service is provided free of charge.

The Board of Health sponsored a Flu Clinic in November with 323 persons receiving free flu vaccine. The vaccine was made available to all senior citizens, persons with chronic diseases, or others who requested it. An Immunization Clinic was held in October with 112 children, ages 4 - 18 years, receiving free vaccine. Those persons involved in the clinics included Dr. Steven Ross, the Board of Health staff, and other community volunteers.

The quality of nursing service is evaluated quarterly by Clinical Record Review Subcommittee and annually by the Program Evaluation Subcommittee. Medical Policies are reviewed periodically by the Medical Review Subcommittee.

Due to new Medicare/Medicaid Regulations and the cost of implementing them, it is doubtful that agency will continue to exist in its present form.

Although the actual future direction of the agency has not yet been determined, the Public Health Nursing staff and the Professional Advisory Board will continue to work together to plan for well coordinated patient and family care for residents of Sharon.

## **SANITARIAN**

**Jack L. Lapuck, ScD., R.S.  
Certified Health Officer**

The Sanitarian's Program consisted of the following program for 1978.

All milk and cream sold in the town continues to be checked for bacteriological quality. Any problems were brought to the attention of the milk producer and/or store proprietor and immediate corrective action taken.

Close bacteriological supervision of the lakefront and inspection of the refreshment stand were carried out.

Prior to the opening of the camping season, all camps located in the town were visited by the Sanitarian to determine compliance of these facilities with the State Sanitary Code. Article IV. Visits were also made to the camps during the camping season to ensure continuation of these sanitation standards, including the testing of eating utensils for proper sanitization.



Eating utensil examinations were made in all food establishments regularly.

All retail food establishments were checked, regularly, for conformance with the State Retail Sanitary Code, Article X.

All complaints made to the Board of Health were investigated and resolved.

Supervision of school cafeteria food service practices made routinely, throughout the year. The School Department has been most cooperative in working with the Health Department and, as a result, the students have received wholesome food prepared and served in a healthful environment.

Dr. Lapuck is very pleased with the continued cooperation received from the restaurants, food service, and school food service facilities.

# **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Professional Advisory Board**  
**Robert Currie, Chairman**

The Public Health Advisory Board provides the Selectmen, as the Board of Health, with professional experience and knowledge in the many aspects of the operation of our health department.

The membership was increased to fourteen members due to federal requirements for continuation of certification of our Home Health Agency.

The membership roster with each members field of representation is as follows:

Chairman Robert Currie, Banker	J. Fred Glynn, Social Services
Hyla Segal, Occupational Therapist	Patricia Murphy, R. N.
J. Aaron Herschfus, M. D.	Arthur Haymes, M. D.
Steven Ross, M. D.	David Nicholas, Ph. D.
Lillian Crosman, Housewife	Judy Koffman, Speech Therapist
Eugene Flynn, Lawyer	Kenneth Gordon, Food Technician
Joy Sterneck, Physical Therapist	Harold Levitan, Science Teacher/Pharmacist

Four meetings of the Professional Advisory Board were held during the year in March, May, September, and November.

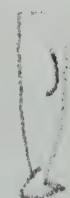
Three subcommittees were formed and between regular meetings conducted a Clinical Record Review, a Medical Record Review, and a Program Evaluation.

The Professional Advisory Board became more intimately aware of the problems facing a small town health agency while trying to cope with the Federal Certification Requirements, the push towards regionalization of agencies, and the ever rising costs of providing health services. Discussions and meetings were held to determine the best approach and action for our health agency. After thorough review it was recommended to the Selectmen that further discussions and participation in regionalization be dropped. The Selectmen concurred. The Professional Advisory Board also recommended that our agency withdraw from certification as a Home Health Agency because of the costs involved in meeting the new Medicaid Conditions of Participation now in effect. The Selectmen agreed. The particular stumbling block was the requirement of seven days per week coverage - for the small number of patients involved - the cost per visit would skyrocket. Supposedly the reason behind the new regulations is to provide better health care with larger and regionalized agencies. However, with the Federal Government bigger is not necessarily better - just the cost is bigger.

J. Edward Bamber  
Health Agent



Alison Antonitis  
Grade 2  
Heights Elementary School



# RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Joseph Petrosky, Chairman  
Louis Kafka, Vice-Chairman  
Alyce Stern, Secretary  
J. Edward Bamber      Corinne Hershman  
Charles Cameron      Shelah Hiltz  
Edward Koskella

## RECREATION 1978, "New Adventures - Bright Outlook"

As we approach a new season of warm weather recreation, facilities at Deborah Sampson Park will present "New Adventures" for clean, wholesome recreation never before attained in Sharon. Our lighted softball field and tennis courts will allow more individuals, families, and groups to expand their leisure time activities in an atmosphere conducive to the type of recreation we want in our town.

While we may have had some temporary delays in construction and necessary revisions in our plans depriving us of some of our goals, the total development as it stands is a remarkable achievement for our Town and presents an extended "Bright Outlook" for future recreational activities.

We encourage as many people as possible, not only to participate in our activities, but also seek your help in caring for, protecting, and expanding our facilities, thereby enabling more people to enjoy their leisure time. As time passes we will request volunteer assistance from various groups and individuals to help us complete the tasks undertaken.

Your committee is proud to have had the privilege of expending their energies obtaining for Sharon what we consider a basic recreational service for all people in town. We would also respectfully request the continued co-operation of all other departments in town to aid us in putting the finishing touches on what should be a completed model of Community outreach and development.





1978 ANNUAL REPORT

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF SHARON



**"YOUR TIME IS OUR TIME"**

**"Important as it is to organize and direct the undertaking of the world, it is more important to organize and direct the leisure time of the world."**



# **RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Seated: Dave Clifton, Recreation Director, Standing Left to right:  
 Rena Swartz, Secretary: John Cosgrove, Athletic Supervisor:  
 John T. connors, Program Director:

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

**David I. Clifton, Recreation Director**

## **STAFF**

**John T. Connors, Assistant**

**John Cosgrove, Athletic Supervisor**

**Rena Swartz, Secretary**

**Glen Peck, Community Center Custodian**

**James Leighton, Community Center Caretaker**

**Kenneth Chase, Senior Bus Driver**

## **PRIDE IN OUR PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

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I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Sharon Recreation Department for the year 1978.

This past year has been marked by a number of important events such as the recreation development of Deborah Sampson Park, increased use of the Community Center building, the authorization to purchase a new Senior Citizen Bus, new lights at Deborah Sampson Park, more participation with community organizations and agencies.

The year 1978 will probably be remembered as a year for leveling off and a year for improving these programs and facilities that we have implemented in the past. It seems fitting because October 15, 1978 was the 10th Anniversary of the Sharon Recreation Department. We should look back to when Municipal Recreation began in the Town of Sharon in 1968.

Through the Recreation Committee, willing hands were extended. They helped pioneer, plan, and organize a year-round recreation program. Volunteers came forth to give of their time and their talents. Many long and lasting friendships were born and, through hard work, perseverance, and the development of financial support, a dream was brought to reality.

Ten years have quickly flown by since those early days in 1968. Each year has seen more growth with added programs for young and old. Today recreation is as much a part of our Sharon community as anything ever could be. While recreation last year is far different than it was in 1968, there still remains, of course, the challenge of tomorrow: to maintain a Recreation Department that can be looked to by young and old as a source of fun and satisfaction, and a spring for civic youth and adult activities.

Increased leisure time, increased demands for recreation facilities and services, and increased life expectancy are a constant challenge to our operation. With pride, I admit that we are keeping pace with some of these requests to innovate by developing new approaches to provide increased recreation service without increasing costs. My appreciation to all who donated their time and efforts to better our programs and facilities. I look forward to more challenging opportunities in 1979.

In summary, we are at the threshold of proving that recreation is an important service to our community, and the future promises yet greater attainments which are part of the continuing American way of life.

## **“1978 RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS”**

### **BLIZZARD OF ‘78’**

During the blizzard of 1978, the Town of Sharon had everything under control thanks to the Police, Fire, D.P.W., and Civil Defense. However, the Recreation Department also played an important role in helping to make our community of Sharon a safe place to be. Some of the kinds of service provided during this surprise February storm were as follows:

- A Provided an Open Gym program at the Intermediate School.
- B Made Senior Citizen bus and driver available for community transportation.
- C Made Recreation Department truck and staff available to to Civil Defense.
- D Assisted the Senior Citizens in food shopping.
- E Organized volunteers to help shovel.
- F Made attempts to provide some community activities during the storm.

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Rena Swartz replaced Marge Weston as Recreation Department secretary in May of 1978. Marge resigned after 10 years of service to relocate to Amherst, New Hampshire. She was married in June of 1978.

Steve Yarozewski worked 1 year as an assistant custodian under the C.E.T.A program.

Abe Aronson worked as an Administrative Assistant, under the C.E.T.A. program, at the Community Center for the Council on Aging.

Jerry Williams was employed for 1 year as a Teenager Coordinator under the C.E.T.A. program.

### **JAYCEES SUPPORT EXERCISE COURSE**

The Sharon Jaycee Chapter voted unanimously at a general meeting to undertake the responsibility of building and constructing a twenty-station exercise course through the wooded area of Deborah Sampson Park. The Recreation Department will work closely with the local Jaycee chapter in the weeks and months ahead to plan, organize, and construct this popular family recreational exercise course.



## **1978 YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

### **YOUTH BASEBALL**

In 1978 the Recreation Department, with the very able assistance of sixty volunteer coaches and officials fielded thirty-two youth teams from five separate leagues.

Each league is set up for the individual child and his abilities. The Recreation Department feels that all youngsters should play at their own ability level, thus you create balance and improve your level of competition. The Baseball Programs begins in mid May and ends the last week in June. Youth Baseball is one of the largest programs run by the Recreation Department.

### **NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION HERSHEY TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM**

Forty-two Sharon youngsters, ages 10-15 years, participated in the 1st Annual Track and Field Program. After extensive practice sessions the team entered the Massachusetts State Finals held in Braintree. Seventeen cities and towns participated and Sharon finished third in over all point total. Five of our local youngsters and their coaches were selected to represent New England in the National Championship held in Huntington, West Virginia. Over two million youngsters took part in this National program. The Department would like to congratulate coaches Martin Badoian, Bill Dryden, Jill Cosgrove, and our National Track & Field team representatives, Peter Badoian, Jeff Cosgrove, Jason Davenport, Jeff Lezberg, the New England 440 yard relay team and Kelley Boyle who participated in the 440 yard dash.

### **PITCH, HIT, AND RUN**

Major League Baseball's Official Pitch, Hit, and Run program for Sharon youngsters ages 9-12 was held in Sharon in June of 1978 at Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground. The program involved 100 Sharon youngsters and was conducted through the cooperation of the National Park & Recreation Association and the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

### **PUNT, PASS, AND KICK**

The Sharon Recreation Department with the cooperation of the Rodman Ford Co. conducted this annual program. Sharon and other area town youngsters participated in this popular program held under the lights at the Foxboro Company athletic complex in mid October. Kevin Fontes of Sharon represented Sharon at the New England finals held at Schaeffer Stadium.



## **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

The popular Sharon Youth Basketball program with its sixty-five volunteer coaches, officials and coordinators provide 450 youngsters the opportunity to learn the fundamentals and enjoy the game of Basketball. Youth Basketball consists of 40 teams from 7 different leagues (grades 3-12). Its an active program involving a lot of Sharon youngsters.

## **PLAYGROUND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Once again in 1978, the Special Events were the most popular activities of the summer playground program. The following is a list of Special Events and the total attendance involved:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
4th of July Field Events	300
Trip to Museum of Science	40
2 trips to Duxbury beach	80
Super Star Contest	210
2 trips to Lincoln Park	250
Traveling Playhouse	400
Treasure Hunt	150
Wienie Roast	1,050
Gong Show	200
Final Field Day	rained out
Family Night	200
Inter-playground competition	500
Track & Field	225
Junior Olympics	125

## **DISCO DANCING - POPULAR IN '78'**

Instructor Dianne Inwersen taught Disco Dancing at the Community Center to hundreds of teenagers and adults during 1978. Popular Disco lessons were provided on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday evenings for local residents.

## **NEW SENIOR BUS**

Town Meeting voted to purchase a new 36 passenger bus for the senior adults and handicapped of the community.

## **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The new Nutrition Program at the Community Center is now in full swing with 40 seniors participated daily. The King Philip Elder Services supervises this project and assumes most financial obligations. Any senior 60 years of age or older is eligible to participate in this program, and a small donation for the meal is suggested. The King Philip Elder Services was fortunate to hire Ann Powers and Barbara DeGirolamo of Sharon for the On Sight Supervisor and assistant. Hopefully, in 1979 we will see a "Meals on Wheels" initiated and meals will be provided to the "Shut ins" of Sharon.

# **SHARON RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR (1968-1978)**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Sharon by promoting and encouraging participation in worthwhile leisure time activity.

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

The Sharon Recreation Department believes that recreation is of and for all the people and, therefore, that the purpose of this department is to administer Recreation as a public trust; and further, that it provide sound, diversified Recreation programming for all people regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, age, or economic status in the broad spectrum of wholesome recreation activities which bring joy and happiness and serve the general well-being physically and mentally of the citizens of the community. Through its Recreation programs it will enable its citizens to have a chance to grow, to stay normal, and to find life both good and satisfying.

### **RECREATION FACILITIES USED DURING 1978**

Community Center  
Deborah Sampson Park  
Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground  
Memorial Park Beach  
Community Center Beach  
Pettee's Hill  
Wheaton College pool  
Lake Massapoag  
Oakland Road skating area  
Deborah Sampson Park skating area  
All school tennis courts

All school gymnasiums  
 Jr. and Sr. High School auditoriums  
 Junior High School field  
 Canton Lanes  
 Senior High School field  
 East Elementary field  
 Moose Hill  
 Massapoag Trail  
 Borderland State Park

### 1978 SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Theatre shows	Senior Ball
Pass, Punt, & Kick Competition	Road races
Pitch, Hit, & Run Competition	Swimming events
Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner	Field events
Holiday parties	Ski trips
Band Concerts	Fishing Derby
Dance recitals	Valentine Party
Tennis tournament	Teenage Halloween Party
4th of July	Dinners
Fall Foliage trip	Boat Rides
Teenage dances	Banquets
Disco Nite	Socials
Basketball Jamboree	Sporting Events
	National Track & Field

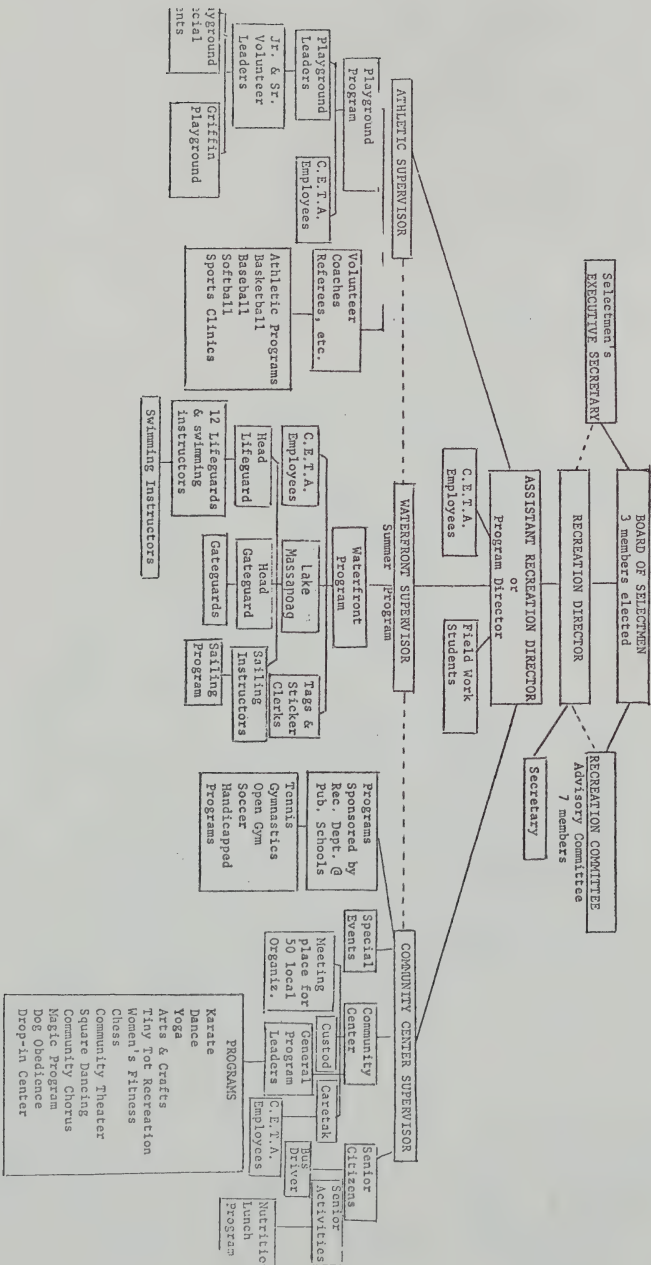
### 1978 SHARON RECREATION DEPARTMENT REVENUE

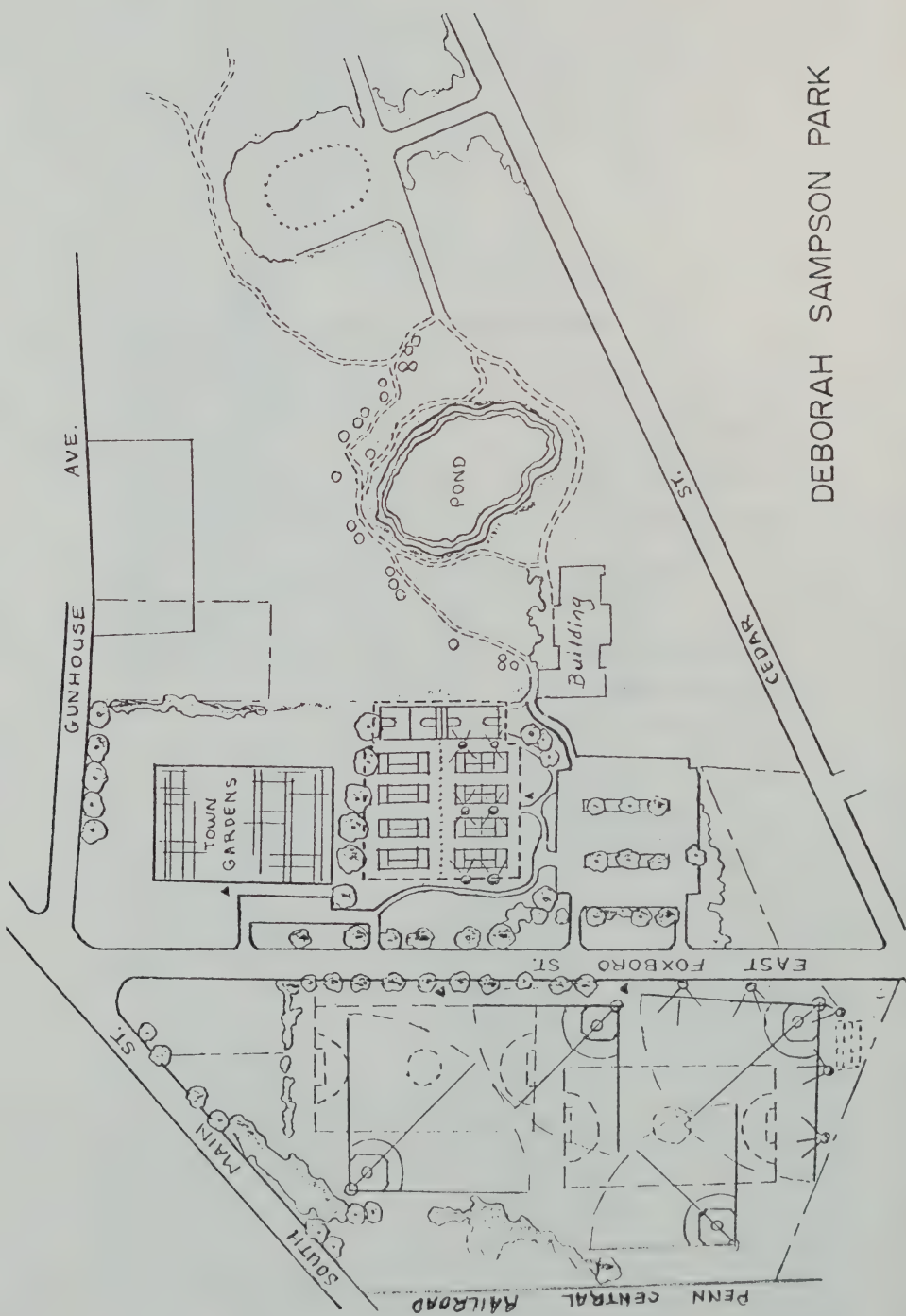
BOAT PERMITS	
Residents	\$ 410.00
Non-residents	470.00
TAGS	
Guest	2,765.00
Resident	2,800.50
CAR STICKERS	7,955.00
NON RESIDENT C.C. BEACH	1,807.00
PRIVATE RENTALS	1,555.00
PROGRAM RENTALS	1,696.03
SUMMER PROGRAM	10,554.00
SPORTS	4,885.00
MISCELLANEOUS	534.78
TOTAL	35,432.31

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

TOWN OF SHARON

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT





DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK



## THE CHALLENGE OF LEISURE

We stand at the gate of the future it seems;  
A future of promise beyond all our dreams.  
The challenge of leisure, the giant that waits  
Will block all our progress, will close all our gates  
Lest we meet him head on and provide where we can  
The values of recreation for our fellow man  
For leisure unguided, unwholesome, unplanned  
Can be the downfall of our precious land.  
So let us all plan, for culture and art,  
And let recreation contribute its part.  
Yes, let us all plan, for rivers and streams  
For parks and playgrounds and areas for teams.  
Let every community have a center and lake area  
And a game and a playfield built close to a school area.  
A place close to nature, with plants and with trees,  
A haven for flowers, for birds and for bees.  
For man in his wisdom, must follow God's Plan  
To save, to create, to serve where we can;  
So, move toward the future, with faith and a plan,  
And the challenge of leisure will be something grand.

# 1978 RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Spring - Summer - Fall - Winter

<u>ACTIVITY</u>		<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
Acrobatics		40
Arts & Crafts	(3 Sessions)	60
Archery		35
Art Festival		250
Art Exhibit	(3 exhibits)	300
Baseball		500
Bowling (Seniors)		
Basketball		400
Belly dancing	(2 sessions)	40
Camping		40
Community Chorus		42
Chess		25
Concerts	(3 concerts)	300
Children's Community Theater		47
(2 productions)		
C.B. Club		50
Community Theater		50
(3 productions)		
Cookouts (8)		1,000
C.P.R. Classes	(5 classes)	250
Dog Show		150
Duplicate Bridge		40
(52 weeks per year)		
Dog Obedience		80
Fishing Derby		200
Gymnastics		200
Disco Dance		180
Golf		50
Dancing Classes		434
Handicapped Programs		25
Dance & Physical Fitness		40
(Seniors-30 classes)		
Holiday Parties (6)		200 per
Ham Radio Operators		27
Hiking		40
Intramurals		300
Jogging		30

First Aid	40
Karate	50 per session
Lifesaving	60
Magic	25
Open-Gym Program (2 sessions)	300
Marathon	300
Men's "Over The Hill" softball	120
Men's Softball League	160
Mystery Rides (3)	120
National Track & Field Program	60
Playground	1000
Pitch, Hit, & Run Program	60
Pre-School swimming	110
Punt, Pass, & Kick	110
Senior Citizen Drop-in Center (avg.)	75
Sailing	125
Skating Lessons	200
Social Activities	5000
Special Events (12)	3000
Square Dancing (5)	1000
"Senior on the Go" shows (25)	40
Swimming Lessons	1000
Sports Club (private)	50
Teen Dance (12)	2400
Tiny Tot Recreation	80
Tumbling	25
Trips (12)	960
Tennis Lessons	400
Track & Field	125
Teen Ski Trips (2)	80
Teen Halloween Party	400
Women's Physical Fitness	50
Weight Lifting	25
Yoga (3 sessions)	35
Volleyball	25
Diet Control	25
Ballroom Dancing (2 sessions)	80
Summer Basketball	45
Table Tennis	20
Cheerleading	40
4th of July	200
Creative Dance (adults-3 sessions)	60

# **ANNUAL REPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Edward M. Berger, Chairman**  
**Chester M. Stern, Vice Chairman**  
**Christine K. Greeley, Secretary**  
**Martin J. Badoian**  
**Carl M. Cobb**  
**Corrine Hershman**  
**Sue Kannally, Teacher Representative**  
**Stephen Rochefort, Student Representative**  
**James J. Dowd, Superintendent of Schools**

Despite the fact that negotiations with the professional staff were not necessary during 1978, the Committee held thirty-six regular School Committee Meetings, and seventy-five School Committee-related Meetings involving one or more individual members of the Committee. All of these meetings were deemed necessary by the Committee to insure the sound operation of a quality educational system.

At the Annual Town Meeting, Mrs. Corrine Hershman was re-elected for a second term and Mr. Martin Badoian was re-elected for a full term.

Mr. Edward Berger was elected by the Committee to serve as Chairman. Mrs. Sue Kannally, a Guidance Counselor at East Elementary, was designated as Teacher Representative to the Committee. Mr. Stephen Rochefort was elected by the students at Sharon High School to serve as Student Representative to the Committee.

## **BUDGET**

The budget for fiscal year 1979 reflected an increase again due in major part to the following three considerations:

- a. Increase in costs of supplies and materials including heating oil and utilities;
- b. Additional monies for salary and wage adjustments reached through collective bargaining;
- c. Additional costs for providing services for children with special needs.

In the Fall of this year, the School Committee formed five sub-committees to study, in depth, all areas of expenses for the public schools. These sub-committees will make their reports to the full Committee in 1979. It is anticipated that these studies will result in recommendations for tighter budget control.

## **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

During this year a further slight decline in enrollment was experienced. The greatest impact was in the kindergarten enrollment which resulted in a full-time kindergarten teacher being reduced to one-half time. In addition to this staff reduction, the position of a part-time Science teacher at the Senior High School was eliminated.

Although some increases in enrollment in some grades in the Fall were noted at the East Elementary School and the Heights Elementary School, the census figures for April of 1978 seem to indicate that we may expect a further decline in kindergarten enrollment next year.

At this point it may be interesting to take note of enrollment and staff trends for the past several years. In 1970-1971 the school enrollment was 3729 pupils and there were 217.5 professional staff members in our schools which included 168.5 regular classroom teachers. On October 1, 1978, there were 3216 pupils enrolled with 211.4 professional staff members, 151.5 of which are regular classroom teachers. Thus, during this eight-year period, there was a decline in enrollment of 513 pupils and a reduction in regular classroom teachers of 17. The total staff reduction, however, was 6.1 staff members.

This phenomenon is at least partially explained by the staff increases necessary to provide services to pupils with special needs according to the provisions of Massachusetts G.L., Chapter 71B (formerly known as Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972) and Federal Law P.L. 94-182. In 1970-1971 we had two teachers working with pupils with special needs, two speech and language teachers, and eleven guidance counselors. On October 1, 1978, we had eleven teachers for pupils with special needs, three speech and language teachers, and thirteen guidance counselors. In addition to this staff, there are ten special needs instructional aides on the staff at the present time. Our efforts to provide needed services have resulted in a much smaller staff reduction than might have been expected given the total decline in school population.



## **STAFF**

Two staff members retired during this year. Mrs. Eleanor Putnam retired from her position as an elementary school teacher at Cottage Street School after twenty-five years of service. Mr. Walter Benoit retired from his position as Guidance Director at Sharon Junior High School after twenty-three years of service as a teacher, guidance counselor, and Guidance Director. The Committee expresses a debt of gratitude for the valuable professional services rendered by these two staff members.

Due to resignations and leaves-of-absence, there were ten other teaching staff changes, including the addition of a part-time teacher at the Alternative Elementary School.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

In addition to the sub-committees established for budget study; the School Committee appointed a sub-committee to study the educational and fiscal ramifications of a reorganization of the elementary schools on K-6 grades configuration in place of the present separate K-4 grades and Grades 5-6 structure. This sub-committee has held several meetings and is due to report its findings to the School Committee in early 1979.

Mentioned in last year's report was the fact that the School Committee had engaged the professional services of Dr. Gertrude Webb to conduct an evaluation of our programs for children with special needs. Dr. Webb assembled a team of professionals, with expertise in the field of special education. After some preliminary work with the Administration, this team conducted on-site visits in our schools with staff and with parents on April 10-12, 1978. The report of this evaluation was submitted in June of 1978.

This report containing commendations, the identification of problem areas, and recommendations for consideration, was submitted to the Principals and the special needs instructional staff for their study, reactions, and plans for implementation of some of the recommendations of the visiting committee. At this writing, a report is being prepared which will be presented to the School Committee in early 1979.

The activities which were begun in the area of Language Arts and Reading Skills Development continued during this year. Under the direction of the Elementary Schools Principals and the Supervisor of Language Development, workshops and other meetings were held for the purpose of standard setting in paragraph writing. In Grades 3-6

there is increased activity in the development of skills in this area. The building principals and the Supervisor of Language Development review one paragraph per month from each pupil in those grades.

The Junior High School English Curriculum Guide was examined and revised after a study by our own staff. Improved coordination or articulation between the Junior High School and Senior High School English Curricula has begun.

During the past year a Committee was formed to examine and revise the Mathematics Curriculum. This Committee began its work during the year and continues to meet regularly in order to improve our curriculum offerings or teaching strategies.

The efforts of the staff in the curriculum areas mentioned above should prove helpful as we move to comply with the Massachusetts Board of Education requirements for Basic Skills Assessment.

In addition to these educational program activities, the School Committee encouraged the formation of a committee of administrators, parents, and teachers to examine ways in which the needs of gifted and talented children might be met in the elementary schools and at the Junior High School, with particular emphasis on the latter. This Committee has been formed and is meeting regularly to conduct its studies and prepare its recommendations.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Reference has been made in this report to the work of budget sub-committees involving citizens and staff members. Reference has also been made to other committees involved in the study of specific educational programs. The School Committee extends its sincere thanks to these citizens and staff members who have been and are contributing many hours of effort for the improvement of education in Sharon in an educationally sound and fiscally prudent manner. Contributions of advisory group members, parent-teacher groups, and others are also acknowledged with thanks.

The School Committee again extends to all citizens a cordial invitation to attend its meetings. It is our hope that this invitation will receive favorable attention and that more citizens will attend more meetings.

**SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS  
COMPARATIVE NET COSTS TO SCHOOLS FROM LOCAL TAXATION  
1974-1978**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Cost of Schools</b>
1974	\$4,426,292.18	\$839,966.31	\$3,586,325.87
1975	4,806,829.13	1,087,567.02	3,719,262.11
1976	5,174,139.00	1,348,428.00	3,825,711.00
1977	5,692,765.19	1,030,223.09	4,662,542.10
1978	6,124,791.00	1,413,817.00	4,710,974.00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**INCOME - July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978**

APPROPRIATION - April, 1977	\$6,141,057.00
EXPENDITURES:	
1000 - Administration	162,656.00
2000 - Instruction	4,611,886.00
3000 - Other School Services	395,828.00
4000 - Operation & Maintenance	714,448.00
7000 - Acquisition of Fixed Assets	72,758.00
9000 - Programs w/Other School Districts & Private Schools	167,215.00
	<hr/> \$6,124,791.00
Unexpended Balance - June 30, 1978	16,266.00

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

GROSS COST OF SCHOOLS	
Regular Budget	\$6,124,791.00
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES - FISCAL 1978	
01440 - Rent of School Facilities	\$5,700.79
01550 - Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue	
Adult Education	4,615.25
Driver Education	9,170.00
Summer School	11,523.75
Misc. (Lost Books, Telephone, Damages)	515.03
TOTAL	<hr/> \$31,524.82

REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH

01210 - State School Fund	
Chapter 70	\$719,380
Transportation	78,296
01260 - Vocational Education	13,767
01293 - Chapters 69 & 71 (Chap. 766)	567,514
01998 - Other Revenue From	
The Commonwealth	
Title I	27,675
Title IV-B	7,712
Chapter 506	120,545
	<u>\$1,534,889</u>

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

01410 - Special Education Program	3,335.47
Total Revenue-State &	
Local	\$1,569,749
Total Revenue Returned	
to Town	\$1,413,817
Net Cost of Schools to	
Town (Regular Budget)	\$4,710,974.00

# REGISTRATION - SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 2, 1978

Schools By Grade	Kg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Cottage Street School	61	77	70	82	89										379
East Elementary School	58	83	79	89	88	14	10								421
Heights Elementary School	61	59	72	82	79										353
Intermediate School						258	165								423
6th Gr. at Jr. High School								74							
Junior High School								287	257						618
Senior High School										265	280	241	235	1	1,022
	180	219	221	253	256	272	249	287	257	265	280	241	235	1	3,216



ENROLLMENT BY GRADES - 1975 - 1982 (October 1)

Year	Kg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Elem.	7	8	Total Jr.H.	9	10	11	12	13	Total Sr. H.	Totals
1975	224	253	249	231	288	252	287	1784	314	286	600	291	278	282	263		1114	3498
1976	208	237	248	258	234	287	258	1730	297	317	614	285	276	251	264		1076	3420
1977	197	215	246	250	267	239	295	1709	248	289	537	282	269	254	234		1039	3285
1978	180	219	221	253	256	272	249	1650	287	257	544	265	280	241	235	1	1022	3216
*	1979	180	194	222	227	259	280	1621	246	288	534	237	254	255	223		969	3124
*	1980	180	194	197	228	233	267	1561	277	247	524	268	226	229	237		960	3045
*	1981	180	194	197	203	234	270	1514	264	278	542	227	257	201	211		896	2952
*	1982	180	194	197	203	209	244	1464	267	265	532	258	216	232	183		889	2885

ENROLLMENT VARIATIONS

\* Estimated

1969 -51      1971 -14      1973 -44      1975 -47      1977 -135

1970 +3      1972 -28      1974 -70      1976 -78      1978 -69

Average decrease for past ten years: 53      Average decrease for past five years: 80

# SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

**James J. Leonard, Representative**

I'm happy to say it has been a peaceful year at the School this year and we've been able to give all our efforts toward educating the students.

Your committeeman James J. Leonard was re-elected to the Executive Board of the Mass. Council for Vocational Technical Education and also as a member of the Legislative Comm. of The Mass. Associations of School Committees. I have, and will continue to get as many Sharon students into the School as is possible. In this effort during the past eight (8) years, Mr. Pete Benoit has done a super job. He retired this past year and he will be sorely missed by all who worked with him. We wish him a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Mrs. Jane Atwell will be doing his job now and I'm looking forward to working with her.

At the school I have served this year as Secretary of the Comm. and Chairman of the negotiation Comm. and as a member of several other Committees. It should be stated at this time that your Committeeman has never missed a regularly scheduled meeting at the school in these past eight (8) years. Being on the Committee has been and will continue to be a learning experience so that you can be best served. The following is a rundown on what has and will be taking place at the school.

There are 24 occupational programs offered at the High School Level. The High School enrollment is 1249. There are six occupational programs offered at the Post-Secondary level; enrollment is 183. A total of 1432 students attend the day program at Southeastern.

The evening school program offers specialized training to people of the district in 12 areas. The enrollment in 1978-79 was 420. 100 students are enrolled in the apprenticeship program.

The National Tool and Die, Precision Machinery Association conducted a tool and die apprenticeship program for 21 students this year. Twenty students were placed in machine shops in the district area.

The summer school program was attended by 80 students who required tutorial help.

The job placement program placed 99.6% of the 1978 graduating class. Job locating and/or placement is available to past graduates as well as to each graduating class.

The interscholastic program competes in the Mayflower league. The cross-country team enjoyed a successful season. They were the undefeated league champion this year.

The special needs program continues to be served by the three-regional-school collaborative. The collaborative is comprised of Southeastern, Old Colony and Bristol-Plymouth Regional School Districts.

The construction of a pre-fabrication center, started during the last school year, is now 85% complete. It is expected to be functional in October of 1979.

The football field has been relocated and improved. It was seeded in September 1978 and will be ready for use in the school year 1980-81.

A synthetic track and field event area is expected to be installed in the spring of 1979.

An individualized typing program was started this school year. It is designed for students who need to know the proper use of the typewriter in their occupation. It is, however, available to all students.

A large group instruction area is 75% complete. The wiring for power and sound expect to be completed this school year.

Southeastern continues to explore new and innovative methods of conducting the process of education at minimal cost to the taxpayers of the District.

## **VETERANS' GRAVES**

**William B. Keating, Graves Officer**

All known Veterans graves located in Sharon have been visited by the Graves Officer. All graves have been found to be suitably kept and cared for as required by state law. Memorial Day was observed in the customary manner honoring Veterans of all wars.

I wish to thank the Veterans Posts and others who gave of their time and effort to make sure that every veteran grave was decorated with a plant and the flag of the United States.

# VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**William B. Keating, Director**

The current membership of the Veterans' Advisory Committee is as follows:

Raymond F Barley  
Arthur I. Boyden  
Roger Dennett

Abraham J. Goldstein  
John E. Herlihy, Esq.  
Richard W. Jones

Assistance, guidance and counsel from this Committee, which represent various professions, skills and occupations, are available to Sharon Veterans and their dependents directly or through the director of Veterans' Services.

## VETERANS' SERVICES

**William B. Keating, Director**

In the year 1978, this department processed 10 cases involving veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The sum of \$7,776.99 was expended in cash grants, for food, shelter and clothing or payment of hospital, medical, fuel bills and any other necessary expenses. Benefiting from this program were 9 adults and 12 children.

Many veterans and their dependents sought assistance from this office in processing forms for other Veteran Benefits, such as pensions, bonuses, burial expenses, Grave markers, educational expenses, home loans, etc. In many cases, the securing of V. A. hospitalization, pensions, Social Security Disability and other benefits have greatly reduced payments made through this office.

The Office of Veterans' Services is located on the second floor of the Town Office Building. Hours are 7 - 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.



# COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS



John Rice  
Grade 5  
Alternative School



# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

**Burton S. Alder, Chairman**  
**Gerard J. Albert**  
**William Loiselle, Secretary**  
**Marilyn Stewart**  
**Harold Stubbs**

## **The Year of the Blizzard**

The Great Blizzard of 1978 had a profound influence on the lives and habits of the people of Sharon. Our dependence on transportation was vividly portrayed by the February 6th and 7th blizzard preceded by the major snow storm of January 20th.

During this period of banned automobile travel, families were separated, food and home fuel supplies became dangerously low, and legs returned to popularity as a means of transportation.

The MBTA Commuter Rail Service experienced enormous problems. Damaged equipment caused unreliable schedules, cold and dark cars and, eventually, a 25% cut in service. In spite of all the inconveniences, a lesson was learned. During times of extreme emergency when roads were not useable and cars and buses were inoperable, the railroad was functioning. With the assistance of Amtrak, commuters were able to travel to work on a fairly regular basis. For many, the quotidian hassle of the southeast expressway was never returned to---they became daily train travelers and, in some cases, train station parkers.

During the height of the crises, the Sharon Transportation Advisory Board (STAB) met with the Selectmen and other town officials to formulate the plans for the bus service which came to the rescue of the storm-created pedestrians and, in particular, the regular train commuters who were otherwise without transportation to and from the train station.

## **Legislation**

Representative Keating, always alert to the problems of the townspeople, filed legislation requiring the MBTA to account for all commuter rail equipment it had taken out of service since the storm, an assessment of damage and a schedule for reinstitution of service. This bill was passed into law and insured that the southwest suburban commuter was not shortchanged in the distribution of equipment.

## **Station Parking**

1978 saw a large increase in the number of out-of-town passengers boarding the train at Sharon Station. Sharon town officials were asked to assure Sharon's citizens of a place to park at the station.

As a result, the Board of Selectmen voted to restrict, beginning June 1st, parking in the town owned area at the railroad station to residents of the Town of Sharon. MBTA parking areas will continue to be available to non-residents as well as residents of Sharon.(See Map)

With increases in train commuters exceeding 10% per year, parking will continue to be a problem and continues to absorb a major portion of STAB's time. Several meetings were held with MBTA Commuter Rail officials in an effort to explore solutions and to obtain assistance and advice.

Further expansion of the Providence-bound lot, reactivation of the abandoned Heights Station, and the use of parking meters or tickets have been considered and will be studied along with other long range solutions during the coming year.

## **Parking Lot Paving**

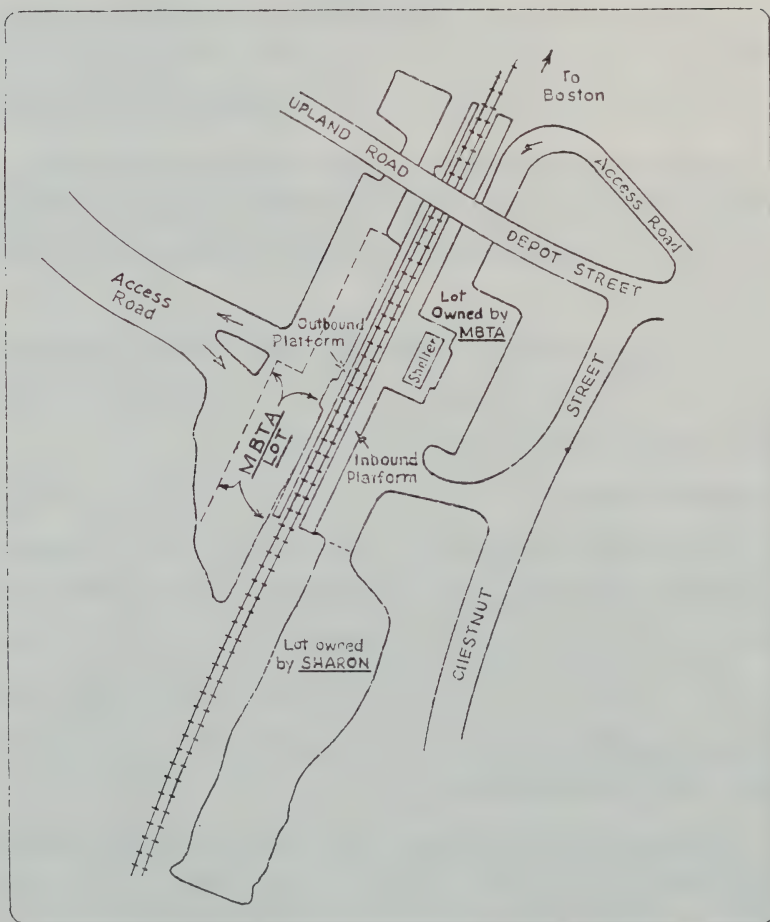
The Sharon-owned parking lot (on the Boston-bound side) was extended, paved, and lined in November. This was done under the \$5,000 appropriation made at the April town meeting.

The additional paving, plus the relining on both sides of the tracks, resulted in an increase of 41 spaces on the Boston-bound side and 12 spaces on the Providence-bound side. The increased capacity of the lot appears to have temporarily alleviated the parking problem for Sharon residents.

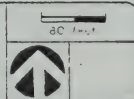
Through the efforts of Rep. William Keating, the state legislature made available \$16,000 for further improvements to the parking areas. The town has requested permission to use these funds to widen, regrade and pave portions of the lot on the Providence-bound side. This is expected to add 40 spaces to the area.

## **Station Safety**

After disembarking from trains, many commuters cross the tracks to reach vehicles which have been parked on the opposite side. The railroad fence separating the tracks does not seem to discourage this very dangerous practice.



SHARON STATION AND  
SURROUNDING PARKING LOTS



The Board of Selectmen has made the MBTA and AMTRAK aware of this situation and has requested that AMTRAK provide a pedestrian overpass and additional safety devices.

Steps have been taken to secure additional and improved lighting, necessitated by the increased size of the parking lot. In the future we should have an easier time finding our cars, and feel safer in the process.

### **Parking Survey**

STAB conducted a car survey in the station area in late November. The results showed that most Sharon residents are using the Sharon lot with very few out-of-town parkers. Non-residents have been using the MBTA lots. The greatest number of out-of-town cars were registered in Foxboro (the Foxboro station is no longer operating).

### **Southwest Corridor Project**

Construction between South Station and Back Bay has already started and the closing of Back Bay Station should take place in late summer or the early fall of 1979. At that time the Midland Branch will begin to operate, diverting local as well as Amtrak service directly to South Station. Travel time is expected to be about the same. For passengers normally bound for Back Bay, there will be service from South Station. This will either be a shuttle, requiring passengers to change trains or, if sufficient equipment is available, they may be able to stay on the train and go to Back Bay using the tracks of the Framingham line.

### **Clouds in the Future**

The possibility of an end to MBTA local commuter rail service between Rhode Island and Boston seems to be an annual event.

Rhode Island will soon decide whether to continue its subsidy, reduce service or cut it out entirely. Loss of Rhode Island money could affect Attleboro and Mansfield where, as of this writing, continuation of local payments for the trains is being negotiated between the MBTA and GATRA (Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority).

Discontinuance of service to these towns plus Rhode Island would leave Sharon as the last stop between Boston and Providence. If this results in a severe loss of ridership, the whole system will be in jeopardy. If many more out-of-town commuters decide to park and board the train in Sharon we would find it difficult to accommodate them. We seem to be between a rock and a hard spot.

### **Bright Spots in the Future**

During the latter part of 1978, delivery began on five new locomotives for commuter trains and the first of 60 new Pullman coaches. This new equipment, together with the refurbishing of existing coaches, is a significant step in the recovery of the commuter rail system from the nadir reached during the winter of 1978.

When the additional equipment becomes available increases in service may be possible. The MBTA has been petitioned to institute a midnight train from Boston and is studying this possibility as well as an 8 PM train.

## **SHARON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

**Jack Connors, Chariman**

**Paul Ares**

**Gil Berman**

**James Carney**

**Dave Clifton**

**Chris Dann**

**Steven Ginsberg**

**Phil Gladstone**

**Jack Glassman**

**Libby Kafka**

**Nancy LeBlanc**

**Robert Levy**

**Stanley Maltz**

**Sylvia Matt**

**Sumner Segal**

**Arthur Shulman**

**Eugene Smargon**

**Howard Sonion**

**Alyce Stern**

**Rena Swartz**

**Marcia Sacco**

**Sharon Reid**

**Rita Fontes**

**Alan Segal**

The third annual block party started promptly at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, with the colorful Sharon Star Promenaders to the calling of Paul Schofield. A very picturesque and delightful exhibition of square dancing drew much applause from the sidelines. Taking place from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Watson Plaza section of the Square was the "Kiddie's Korner". Hay rides, pony rides, cartoon carnival, games, prizes and free balloons are a few of the activities which were provided for the children. This, as in the past, proved to be a very successful part of the program. At 9 p.m.



the local rock group "Aspens" entertained the large gathering of residents in Post Office Square. Local merchants and nine Sharon organizations sold food during the evening and a good time was had by all who attended.

The Second Annual Sharon July 4th Bike Race started at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, with thirty-two entries. The race was divided into three divisions: Senior, 10.2 miles; Intermediates, 5.0 miles; Junior, 5.0 miles. Winners in each division were: Senior Division, Men; Doug Condon (second year), Steve Bridges (second year), Michael Shimsky; Intermediate Division; Kevin Kinney, J. Cummings, S. Cummings; Senior Women; Judy Drake, Cherry Franklin, Tina Koistinen; Junior Division; Shelly Bridges, Chris Donovan, Andrea Greenidge.

Starting at 10 a.m. at the Walter A. Griffin Playground and at the Heights Field the first annual young men's softball elimination tournament took place. The participants were: Garnhum and Morganelli (which drew a bye), Bulldogs vs. Gaelics; Country Day vs. Mirabile; Connors Club vs. Gillis Contractors; and Silver Springs vs. Spirit of '76. Results were: Bulldogs 7 - Gaelics; and in extra innings Gillis Contractors 8 - Connors Club 7; Country Day 15 - Mirabile 0; Silver Springs 13 - Spirit of '76 10. Semi-finals: Country Day 10 - Garnhum and Morganelli 5; Bulldogs 7 - Silver Springs 1. In the final round Sharon Country Day defeated the Bulldogs 10 to 8. Trophies were awarded to both teams.

At Memorial Park Beach at 2 p.m. the swimming events took place under clear skies. One hundred and twenty first, second and third place ribbons were distributed to boys and girls taking part in events for six different age groups.

To wind up the festivities for Sunday, July 2, the "Sharon Seniors on the Go" performed for Sharon residents at 8 p.m. in the Sharon Junior High Auditorium. And, as always, the seniors performed like professionals.

Tuesday, July 4, was a cold, rainy day not at all what we had anticipated for the annual 5.5 mile road race. Two hundred and eight entrants registered at the Senior High School at 9 a.m. The road race was sanctioned by NEAAU, and Representative William Keating of Sharon was the official starter. John Loiselle was the first Shron resident over the finishing line, twelfth in the road race at a time of 25:59.

Kim Fudge was the first female to come across the finish at a time of 37:07. The first Sharon girl to finish was Tricia Condon with a time of 37:36. The youngest entry and finishing the 5.5 road race was Darren Galssmen, a nine year old Sharonite. The winner of the road race was timed in at 27:25; Henry Philan for the second year, but over his previous year time of 21:25. Rev. Robert Bullock of Our Lady of Sorrows Church entered and

completed the road race and raised more than \$1,000. in pledges for his parish. Masseur James Leonard donated his services after the race to relieve aching muscles.

The forecast was rain all day - and it poured! It was inevitable that the rain would make this day a disaster. The Sharon Independence Day Celebration Committee met at the Sharon Community Center to discuss the fate of the celebration. Floats had been built. Could we tie up the vehicles that the floats were on? Would the police be available for another date? Could we store the floats at the Department of Public Works? Would the fireworks company come on another date? Would bands be available? These and many more questions had to be answered. At 1 p.m. it was decided that we would postpone all scheduled activities until Sunday, July 9.

Sunday, July 9, was a gorgeous day. The scheduled activities postponed from July 4 started with the doll carriage and bicycle decorating contests. Winners of the bicycle decorating contest were: Most colorful, Carey Shanbar; Most faithful to theme, Jennifer Guisti; Most patriotic, Elisa Grealy; Most creative, Tara Smith; Most interesting, Henry Greenfield. Doll carriage decorating winners: Most faithful to theme, Martha Walsh; Most original, Lori Sellew; Most creative, Karen Loben; Most patriotic, Jennifer Keating; Most colorful, Rebecca Blumenthal.

The Field Events were next with over 500 youngsters participating in events for five different age groups. Trophies were awarded to the outstanding boy and girl athletes in each age group. Winners were the following: Ages 5 and 6, Danny David and Michelle Perry; 7 and 8, Eric Stearns and Joanna Clayman; 9 and 10, Danny Marver and Fionulla Geoghegan; 11 and 12, Richard Mazzaferro and Marianne Smith; 13 and 14, Robert Laurie and Biki Berry. Ribbons were awarded to first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each event. Free popsicles were handed out to all field event participants.

The temperature was 90°, but we weren't complaining. We were happy to be able to have the parade. At 2 p.m. the parade started this year at the Heights Shopping Center. Forty-eight units filed out of the line-up streets onto the parade route with Parade Marshall James J. Leonard and the Sharon Militia leading the way. Musical units, floats, military units, town officials, state and federal politicians, clowns, antique cars, color guards, town departments, Mickey Mouse pulling his birthday cake, horses, and fire engines took part in the delayed July 4th parade. The float winners this year were: Best expression of the theme, Sharon Jaycees for their mushroom patch; Most original, Sharon Youth Hockey for their three ring circus; Best design, Representative William Keating's Sesame Street. The awards for the horsemen were: Best dressed horseman, Janet Goalier; Most original horseman, Tina Hollis and Alice Krigesman for Raggedy Ann and Andy; Funniest horseman, Melissa Ward for the Headless Horseman.

Waterfront activities started promptly at 7 p.m. with the Sharon Yacht Club's Annual "Sail Bye". The Bob Sexais Riverboat Jazz Band started playing at 8 p.m. and entertained for over an hour. A gala display of fireworks brought our extended Fourth of July Celebration to a fitting conclusion.

Sincere thanks to the following for their assistance: Sharon organizations participating in the Block Party and Parade; Chief Albert Horan and the Sharon Police Department; Capt. Joseph Petrosky and the Special Police; Bernard Rosenberg, Director, and members of the Civil Defense; Fire Chief James Polito; the many men who donated their time driving vehicles in the parade; employees of the Department of Public Works; Sharon Recreation Department Staff; Engineering Department; the official saluter Abe Goldstein parade judges, Sylvia Furber, Jerry Loomis, Millie Egan, Gordon Earle, Debbie Richardson, and Gene Neaut; Norwood Musicians Local 343; Sharon CBers Club; Angie George; Al Parker; Nancy Smargon; and lastly the July 4th Committee. The Committee wishes to extend to Fred Markt its very best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Chandler W. Jones, Chairman**  
**John A. Newell, Vice Chairman**  
**Katharine M. Cartwright, Secretary**  
**Eleanor M. Herburger**  
**William B. Crawford**  
**Alternates**  
**Karl A. Gelpke**  
**Edward Lyons**  
**Sydney S. Morgan**

Several meetings were held during the year mainly devoted to research and adding additional information to the original inventory of Sharon's historic houses. Work is being continued on adding other information to our survey including monuments, structures other than houses, mill sites, archeological sites and burial grounds.

Serious consideration is being given to the desirability of reactivating the old Sharon Historical Society. The Society had its origin in the fact that in the year 1886, Mr. William Richards, who lived in that part of town called Pigeon Swamp, informed the Selectmen that in his family were many relics of ancient origin which he was desirous that the town should have care for and save for the pleasures and profit of his townsmen for all times.

Plans were later formulated for the incorporation of an Historical Society which was consummated on April 27, 1903. The society did some fine work, published many manuscripts and was very active until waning interest caused it to disband in 1923. We believe that a strong interest in historic preservation has returned and that an Historical Society is needed.

## **REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Chandler W. Jones  
Edward A. Welch  
Jack Gusman**

Legislation to implement the Norfolk County Solid Waste Management Plan was vetoed by the Governor in 1975 and the legislation never came out of committee during the 1976 and 1977 sessions of the General Court. It is now clear that there is no chance that the County Plan will ever be implemented.

The Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board of which Sharon is a member and a prime mover through its Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee is currently inactive as such since a majority of the towns in the Planning Board have joined with two other similar groups who have formed the 128 West Resource Recovery Council. This Council is the best route to a successful solution of our future solid waste disposal problem since it has the full support of the State Bureau of Solid Waste Disposal, a part of the Department of Environmental Management. The Bureau is supplying technical and clerical assistance and also the services of the Mitre Corporation in connection with planning and evaluation matters.

At the present time two sites for a resource recovery facility have been approved by the Council, one in Stoughton and one in Plainville. A request for a proposal to build and operate such a facility has been accepted by 10 private firms and the proposals are due to be presented to the Council by February 1, 1979. It is expected that the proposals can be studied and evaluated by the Technical Committee of the Council and its recommendations made available to the participating towns for consideration during the year.

Chandler Jones  
February 3, 1979



# REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

George B. Bailey

As of 1978, the MAPC has adopted policies for Open Space, Transportation, Non-Point Source Pollution and Sewage Treatment Systems, Land Use, Economic Development, Housing Strategy, and Improvement of Air Quality, for the region of which Sharon is a part.

These policies hardly signify that solutions are close to the horizon, however. In general, time will only tell whether the policies have any effect on Sharon. The transportation program, emphasizing as it did under the Dukakis administration, strengthening of public transit, means Sharon's commuter rail access to the city of Boston will improve. Programs for increasing the housing stock are likely to have a modest impact on the Town. Our long-term sewage treatment needs must be answered with improved subsurface disposal systems; MAPC and the Town concur.

Air quality improvement can be assisted by fewer trips, particularly work trips since most residents' workplace is far from the Town. At this time, improvement in Commuter Rail will affect work trips by increasing the number of users and making the Town more attractive to center-city travelers.

One regional transportation project reached the final design stage this year: Rt. 1 safety program which will provide north-south lane separation from Dean St., Norwood, to the Sharon-Walpole intersection with Rt. I-95. Sharon generally favors the project which is subject to further environmental review by the Conservation Commission.

During the year, MAPC workshops were held on subjects varying from the real estate property classification amendments to Solid Waste Disposal options. Publications included a long awaited "State of the Region Report" containing demographic data of value to citizens and government officials alike; Assessing Recreation Demand, Water Resources Protection Techniques, Accessory Apartments, Non-Zoning Land-Use Protection Techniques, Growth Management.



The assessed cost of MAPC to the Town was only \$1,970 for fiscal year 79. Local assessment accounts for approximately 16.5% of the MAPC's total budget which for FY 80 will be divided into \$1,221,000 for Land Use/Open Space, Housing, Regional Economics, Air Quality, Energy Conservation, Solid Waste, and \$1,595,000 for Transportation planning.

A bill filed by two politically effective council members which would have removed voting powers of gubernatorial appointees and state agency representatives in council elections and budget questions was vetoed by the Governor. Since gubernatorial appointees (21 in all) provide representation for low income and minority groups as well as provide (through historic practice) MAPC with the counsel of academicians, business oriented and public spirited citizens, I did not look on this change favorably. An improved version of this bill has been submitted by the council this year with my support.

The council provided assistance for Sharon by providing information on station parking systems as well as through a course on energy conservation techniques for public buildings.

I was reelected to a third term as president of the Council in April.

Information on the Council may be obtained by calling the Council Connection at 523-2458 or visiting the offices at 44 School Street, Boston.

## **REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN'S DESIGNEE TO THE MBTA ADVISORY BOARD**

**George B. Bailey**

The MBTA has completed its first four years under the direction of a Chairman-Chief Executive Officer. Chairman Robert Kiley, a skilled public administrator, with, however, no previous transportation experience, proved to be effective in reversing historic trends of ridership loss and rapidly escalating losses. The costs of operation averaged 5% per year during his stewardship (less than the rate of inflation) against 15%/year for the previous 4 years, and ridership began to increase for the first time since World War II. The record is not only testimony to skilled administration and a political hands-off policy by the Dukakis administration, but also demonstrates the usefulness of the watch dog role played by the MBTA Advisory Board's budget committee which was given an independent staff by the 1972 MBTA "reform" legislation submitted by the Recess Commission on MBTA Administration and Finance of which I was a member.

As 1979 begins, the legislation will have a new test as Gov. Edward King introduces his appointee to the system. Since the highly professional and able cadre now operating the T have only just begun to function, introducing a new set of executives could result in significant problems.

The commuter rail system of most direct importance to Sharon residents is about to see the result of three years of planning and capital investment. Approximately \$1.6 million will be expended in leasing locomotives and 60 Toronto "Go-Train" coaches expected in early 1979. About 60 new Pullman-Standard coaches will begin operation this year. The number of old unimproved coaches will be reduced from 59 to 3. New locomotives (3,000 HP F-40 type) began to arrive in November and many are now in operation on Southside (Providence, Franklin, Stoughton and Needham Branches). A total of 30 new locomotives (including rebuilt F-10 1700 HP type) will be operative by September, 1979 North and South, leaving only two original and nine leased (vs. 25 and 18 respectively as of Sept. 1978).

Ridership on the South Side was up 5% and should continue to increase providing parking access can be improved on stations along the lines. Sharon's parking problems were significant and resulted in a series of actions and reactions which will ultimately result in considerable increase in parking spaces at Sharon Station. The process has not been smooth, however, and lack of policy guidance on the handling of non-resident and resident parking has at times resulted in considerable user dissatisfaction. I have worked with the Transportation Advisory Board, Selectmen and Commuter Rail Staff on this problem. Rep. Keating sought and obtained a legislative appropriation for \$15,000 which may be sufficient to provide 40 additional spaces on the west (outbound) parking area in Spring-Summer of 1979. I hope that consideration of small parking fees, arranged car pooling and possible peak train bus service could greatly increase station use without greatly increasing paved areas beyond those presently authorized.

Cost of commuter rail service have been high, particularly as a result of heavy maintenance and extra labor costs. The estimated fare revenues for 1979 will be about 24% of cost on the South side service - a ratio nearly identical to that of the overall "T" service. Of the net cost 50% must be picked up by the state using general revenues, the remaining apportioned among the districts 79 cities and towns according to total all-mode commuter counts. Sharon is expected to be assessed approximately \$200,000 or about \$1.39 on the tax rate, as its share of total T service.

Your designee attended all the meetings of the Advisory Board, the minutes of which are on file at the Town Hall and at Room 740, 294 Washington St., Boston Tel. 426-2702.

In December, Richard Wall, former city of Boston Fiscal Officer, resigned his budget directorship to assume a new position in the reorganized court system. Mr. Wall was replaced by former Rep. James Smith, long an active Advisory Board member for the city of Lynn, Chairman of its Transit Development Committee and generally viewed as an excellent choice for the difficult years approaching the T.

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**ABOUT YOUR TOWN:**

Annual Town Election is held at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street on the first Monday in April at 8 P.M.

Annual Town Meeting is held at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on the second Monday evening in April.

**TOWN DUMP HOURS:**

Tuesday through Saturday:	8 A.M.
Mondays & Legal Holidays	CLOSED

**SPECIAL FIRE SIGNALS:**

2-All Out, Test, and Curfew

7-Forest Fire

12-Seek Cover-Nuclear attack or major natural disaster imminent.

711-Meeting Call

721-Out-of-Town Aid Call

733-No School - 6:45 AM and 7 AM, Grades 5-12

7:45 AM and 8 AM, Grades K-4

11:45 AM and 12 Noon, Afternoon Kindergarten

744-Red Cross

